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HOMES PLAN AT POLICE STATION

Report by Dayna Farrington

STOURBRIDGE police station looks set to be transformed into apartments just over a year after its controversial closure.

The Victorian station on the town's ring road shut its doors in June 2017 in a bid to save money.

The site was sold in August and it has now been revealed Lovell Homes plans to convert the building into apartments.

The development 'Station House' on New Road is being advertised on Lovell Homes' website as a 'exciting conversion of one and two-bedroom apartments at the former Stourbridge police station'.

The police station

Wollaston and Stourbridge Town Councillor Alan Hopwood said: "It is absolutely a good plan to bring the former police station back into use.

"Rather than have buildings go to waste, it is nice to see them being developed into something more useful.

"I cannot see anything wrong with new homes as the Dudley borough is desperate for affordable housing."

Welcome

Councillor Steve Clark added: "The apartment plans are bringing the building back into use but it was disappointing the police station was sold in the first place but it was just not being used enough.

"We welcome any new homes and apartments in the Stourbridge area."

Councillor Clark said talks were ongoing about keeping a police presence in the town centre.

The old station, part of which dates back to 1885, includes a bar, lounge and pool room where officers used to unwind after a busy day on the beat.

The former station includes three buildings, the old station itself, the 'Wendy House' which had offices, and an accommodation block.

The station was closed last year as part of West Midlands Police's plan to shut 28 stations in the region, saving a total of £8.6 million.

The closures also included police stations in Dudley town centre, Netherton, Kingswinford and Halesowen

CELEBRATING HARVEST FESTIVAL AT MUSEUM

Chapel Steward Alan Hallman and Margaret Millington along with fellow friends of the museum as they hold a traditional harvest festival

FRESHLY-PICKED fruit and vegetables filled a 19th century chapel for a traditional Harvest Festival at the Black Country Living Museum.

Fruit biscuits, loaves of bread, jams, preserves and tarts were baked to perfection for the weekend festivities at the Dudley historical attraction.

Grant Bird, the museums's communications and marketing manager, said: "The event was very well attended over the weekend, despite the weather.

"We had a service in our chapel. We had a nice loaf of Harvest bread that was baked and on the Sunday people gave thanks.

"Our demonstrators were cooking a variety of Black Country recipes that people would have made."

Visitors uncovered the history of tradition harvest time celebrations in the region.

Demonstrators stepped into their roles, describing wartime rationing and the efforts to keep families across the region fed.

Mr Bird said many more events were planned at the Tipton Road museum, including Halloween events before the museum gears up for Christmas festivities.

He added: "We try and take people back in time and create that sense that they are literally stepping back into the past."

PLANNING

Women's refuge to replace men's hostel

CONTROVERSIAL plans for a 65-bedroom hostel for men have been scrapped to make way for a new women and children's refuge.

Bosses at Expectations UK will now look to open the refuge in Bayer Street, Coseley, for pregnant women and mothers with dependent children.

It replaces the charity's original plans for a rehabilitation hostel for men over the age of 25, which faced opposition from Coseley residents and West Midlands Police.

TECHNOLOGY

Pods part of £20m transport scheme

KINGSWINFORD'S Westfield Technology has welcomed news that the West Midlands is to receive £20 million to create the first Future Mobility Area.

It will see major investment in new modes of transport, services and technologies.

The scheme, which will involve autonomous pods built by Westfield in Kingswinford, was announced at the Conservative party's conference in Birmingham.

POLITICS

Two more quit UKIP over new leader

THE exodus from UKIP in Dudley has continued with two more resignations.

Following West Midlands MEP Bill Etheridge's decision to join the Libertarian Party, ex-councillor Paul Brothwood and borough UKIP chairman Martin Day have also quit.

All three expressed concern at UKIP's direction under leader Gerard Batten.

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Racing legend boosts air ambulance

Jump legend Sir AP McCoy

GUESTS can enjoy an evening with leading National Hunt jockey Sir AP McCoy for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

The exclusive evening, which includes a three-course meal, takes place on November 23 at The Belfry.

McCoy dominated the jump racing world for more than two decades, ending his phenomenal career as Champion Jockey for the 20th consecutive year, and was awarded both the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year in 2010 as well as Lifetime Achievement Award three years ago.

He rode Don't Push It to victory in the 2011 Grand National.

The evening will give guests a rare and personal insight into McCoy's incredible career as well as raise vital funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, which has to airlift a horse rider every four days.

Donations

Each Midlands Air Ambulance Charity air ambulance mission costs £2,500, which is entirely funded through charitable donations.

McCoy, said: "Midlands Air Ambulance Charity does a fantastic job saving lives on a daily basis. The racing community greatly values the work of the air ambulance, due to the dangers involved with the sport, which is why I'm delighted to support Midlands Air Ambulance Charity and the important work they do."

Tickets for the evening are available from The Ticket Factory, just search 'AP McCoy'. For more information and how to help fund a mission, contact Midlands Air Ambulance Charity on 0800 8 40 20 40, or visit www.midlandsairambulance.com website.

Police 'too busy' to collect bloody sword

A DISABLED pensioner called police after finding a blood-stained sword in the garden of his Dudley home but says they were too busy to collect the deadly weapon.

Widower Stuart Ingram, 85, called 999 after being alarmed at finding the 2ft blade hidden under a hedge in his front garden. But the great-grandfather claims the police call handler put the phone down on him.

The pensioner said he was shocked by the response and criticised West Midlands Police, who he says told him to hand the sword in himself. He thought the find should have been taken more seriously. West Midlands Police has launched several campaigns to get weapons off the streets.

The force has apologised to Mr Ingram and said it was unable to send officers on the day due to 'high demand'.

Shocked

The retired foundry boss said: "I was shocked. I picked it up carefully by the blade so as not to get my fingerprints on the handle. I could see blood caked on the bladed edge and my first thought was it could have been used to stab someone.

"I thought this might help solve a crime or at least take a dangerous weapon out of circulation, so I dialled 999 and asked to speak to police. This chap came on the phone. I don't know if he was a policeman.

"I said 'my problem is I've just found a 2ft knife in my hedge. Can you get a policeman to come pick it up? He said 'no, we can't do that, we are far too busy'. I was just about to tell him my address when he just put the phone down.

West Midlands Police apologised for Mr Ingram's experience and said they would collect the weapon, adding: "Due to the high call demand we were unable to allocate police officers to attend and collect the weapon on the day. We accept that the caller's experience was unacceptable."

Thieves target animal sanctuary again

Owner Neil Swan in the cafe at Brockswood Animal Sanctuary which has been broken into for the third time

AN animal sanctuary has been left with £3,000 in damages after thieves targeted it for the third time this year.

Bosses from Brockswood Animal Sanctuary, in Sedgley, say crooks smashed their way into the site's cafe to steal food, cutlery and animal feed baskets.

Neil Swann, sanctuary director, said his small and dedicated team are determined to keep business running as usual and plans have now been put in place to beef up security.

Mr Swann said: "It was a shock, and it is demoralising for the staff and volunteers. Everyone is putting so much effort in to try and put this place back to how it used to be. It is quite a kick in the teeth. This is the third time within a year."

Mr Swann said the team will now look at improving security at the not-for-profit sanctuary which is visited by around 20,000 animal lovers each year.

Drugged up robbers in raid on their local shop

ARMED robbers who raided two convenience stores in seven days have each been jailed for three years and nine months.

Brett Spittle and Richard Whittaker struck at the One Stop Store in Commonside, Pensnett, where they had been customers, on August 4. The manager had seen the pair in the shop earlier and recognised them despite having their faces covered.

Spittle, 34, and 35-year-old Whittaker, armed respectively with a crowbar and garden trowel, threatened staff and jumped over the counter. The former took the tray out of the till and the latter grabbed tobacco products, said Mr Stuart Clarkson, prosecuting.

The pair fled with £120 cash before staging a similar robbery at the Tesco Express in Pensnett High Street on August 11. They were armed with the same, or similar, weapons and took £650 from the till and more tobacco.

The two were on bail at the time after being caught on CCTV using a stolen credit card in three shops within 20 minutes. The card had been stolen when Whittaker snatched the handbag from the woman in Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, on April 16.

Both defendants, who admitted charges of robbery and fraud, had been long term drug addicts and and were under the influence of drugs when the robberies took place.

Spittle, of Queen Street, Pensnett, had previous convictions involving 113 offences. Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, said: "His life is aimless. No actual violence was inflicted on any of the staff." Miss Samantha Powis, said Whittaker, of Tiled House Lane, Pensnett, had been addicted to drugs since the age of 11. He was now trying to kick the habit.

Scrapping PCC 'could cost more'

A PLANNED merger of the Police and Crime Commissioner's office with the mayoralty could end up costing more money than it saves, claims the current commissioner.

This year plans were revealed to scrap the office of the PCC, transferring its powers to the West Midlands Mayor.

The proposals were first put forward by the Government as part of the West Midlands' second devolution deal, and were due to be in place in time for the 2020 mayoral elections.

But David Jamieson, who has held the PCC role since 2014 and is set to retire in 2020, has warned the proposed merger could prove costly for taxpayers as he believes the mayor would choose a deputy to look after policing, creating a new role.

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Protection order to halt nature area bike menace

AN order to protect Dudley's nature reserves from being ruined has been praised by an MP.

Dudley South MP Mike Wood voiced his support for the enacting of a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), which came into force last Saturday.

Mr Wood organised a petition calling on the council to take out a PSPO after complaints from residents living near Fens Pool Nature Reserve about anti-social behaviour, including off-ride bikers ripping up the green area.

More than 2,000 signed the Tory MP's petition earlier this year, which Mr Wood presented to the House of Commons in February.

Residents in Brockmoor and Pensnett have been among those hardest hit by the illegal bike menace.

The aim of the PSPO is to grant the police increased powers to seize these bikes and take further action to stop the anti-social behaviour.

Mr Wood said: "It has been a long process, but I am very pleased that the necessary framework is in place.

"These illegal bikes have been a long-standing nuisance and danger to some of my constituents for too long now, which is why I am very pleased that Dudley Council and the West Midlands Police have listened to my calls for action to be taken, so that local people can once again live in peace."

Travellers back at Netherton site

TRAVELLERS have returned to Netherton after setting up camp on open land.

About 12 caravans were spotted on the site off Lister Road after arriving on Friday.

It comes after a camp was moved from the same spot in August after Dudley Council secured an injunction.

Councillor Elaine Taylor, who represents the Netherton, Woodside and St Andrew's Ward, said: "We have had travellers all through the summer, especially in my ward, because we have open space that can be accessed easily."

Plans to convert council-owned land into a travellers' transit site in Budden Road received permission in May but is currently being reviewed.

Homes for garages

SIX family homes could be built on the site of former residential garages in Dudley.

Dudley Council has submitted an application to demolish the garages in Uplands Road.

Merry Hill owner faces possible takeover

Intu's Merry Hill shopping centre

THE shopping centre group that owns Merry Hill is facing another possible takeover bid just months after a previous £3.4 billion merger deal collapsed.

A consortium including the Peel Group is considering a potential cash offer for Intu, the owner of 18 centres across the UK including Merry Hill, the Trafford and Arndale Centres in Manchester and Metrocentre in Gateshead.

The executive chairman of the Peel Group is its billionaire owner, John Whittaker, who is also deputy chairman at Intu. His Peel Group already owns around 26 per cent of Intu's shares. News of the possible bid sent Intu's shares soaring last week, up 30 per cent on Friday.

Intu was the subject of a takeover bid by rival Hammerson earlier this year in a deal set to create Britain's biggest property company, with £21bn worth of assets across Europe.

The £3.4bn deal was officially called off in late April after Hammerson – owner of Birmingham's Bullring and Grand Central – withdrew a recommendation for shareholders to vote through the acquisition. At the same time Intu's share price has slumped by 40 per cent this year, making it a tempting takeover proposition

In an announcement after the close of trading on Thursday, Peel Group confirmed it had formed a consortium along with Saudi conglomerate Olayan Group and Canadian asset management company Brookfield. A statement said: "The consortium's consideration of the possible offer is at a preliminary and exploratory stage."

The consortium has until November 1 to make a firm offer.

Mother's plea after fan is kicked unconscious

A 15-year-old boy was knocked unconscious when he was attacked by a gang of yobs as he walked home from a Black Country football match.

Yeltz fan Ben Neale was kicked in the head during the attack and his mother is now appealing for any information to help police track down those responsible.

Ben was on his way to catch the bus back to Halesowen after the Stourbridge versus Halesowen Town game on August 28 when he and his friends were confronted in a Stourbridge underpass.

The family believe Ben was attacked by up to 20 thugs and they are now appealing for information to catch the yobs who beat him up.

His mother, Carol Parsons, said: "A group of thugs went for Ben's friends. They ran off but managed to get hold of Ben and they knocked him unconscious with kicks and punches.

"It's disgusting, there's no way you think this would happen to your son.

"The problem is there are no cameras down there and we need information on what happened.

Carried

"The only thing he remembers after the attack began was being carried to the bus station and being put on a bus by someone he knew from school. If this boy hadn't have got him home to me I don't know what would have happened.

"This was the second Halesowen game Ben had been to and now he never wants to go back. I won't let him go either."

The Windsor High School student, who is the fifth youngest of six children, was taken to Russells Hall Hospital in Dudley where he was treated for his injuries.

Ben's mother was also critical of the police, saying: "The police haven't come out once to see us, it's all been over the phone and we still haven't got anywhere.

"The police have told me now that they have some footage but they need to figure out what street it is on. I've been told to look around Stourbridge and see if I can figure out what street it is, but surely that's the police's job?"

A spokesman for West Midlands Police said: "The investigation is on-going and we are currently following up leads."

Halesowen Town fan Ben Neale, aged 15, and his mother Carol Parsons, have appealed for information

500 more officers needed to tackle crime

WEST Midlands Police needs 500 extra officers as part of an £85 million package required to tackle the region's crimewave, says Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson.

He has asked the Government for a funding boost of £42.2m a year to bolster the ranks, detectives and neighbourhood teams a priority. In a joint letter to Home Secretary Sajid Javid, Mr Jamieson and Labour MP Liam Byrne said they want to see the force's number of officers back to at least 7,000 by 2020 – a figure which is still well below 2010 levels.

The force currently has around 6,500 officers – around 2,000 less than it did eight years ago – while violent crime has increased by 60 per cent over the last three years. Labour PCC Mr Jamieson said: "West Midlands Police has been hit harder than almost any other force in the country."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police arrested teen over attack

A TEENAGE boy has been arrested following an attack on a man aged in his 60s in Dudley town centre.

Eric Adams was repeatedly punched in the face as he sat on a bench in Market Place, Dudley. He was left with a fractured eye socket following the vicious attack.

Police arrested a 15-year-old boy following an appeal over the attack, which took place on September 25. He was subsequently released as investigations continue.

A Police spokesman said: "We arrested a 15-year-old boy from Dudley on suspicion of assault. He has been released pending further inquiries."

Advocacy group seeks volunteers

A BLACK Country charity which supports vulnerable adults has held an induction for new volunteers.

Dudley Advocacy, based in Netherton, is calling for additional helpers to support people with learning disabilities and the issues they face.

Volunteer advocates support people on a one-to-one basis.

A spokesman for Dudley Advocacy said: "We rely heavily on volunteer advocates to help us support people with learning disabilities. Volunteers make a massive difference."

Call the charity on (01384) 456877.

Asda earns prize at centre awards

ASDA won retailer of the year award in a Black Country shopping centre's third annual awards. TV personality Rylan Clark-Neal was the host for the intu Merry Hill prize-giving ceremony at The Copthorne Hotel with more than 300 guests attending.

The new Next outlet won the store development of the year and Nando's was awarded food and drink retailer. Coventry Building Society received the community engagement award.

Centre director Dan Murphy said: "The best judges are our shoppers, and thousands of them voted."

New beer to grapple with at charity show

A BEER to grapple with will be on sale at a charity wrestling show in Halesowen next Friday.

Organisers Wrestling For are teaming up with Upper Gornal brewery Fownes Brewing Company to create a beer for the show on October 19 at Benjamins in Birmingham Street.

Wrestling For's second annual charity show is in aid of the Campaign Against Living Miserably, a men's mental health charity.

COUNTY NEWS

House prices on rise across region

HOUSE prices in the West Midlands have grown by more than four per cent to an average of £190,607 over the last quarter, new figures state.

Across the UK, property prices edged up by 0.3 per cent month on month in September to reach £214,922 on average. Yorkshire and Humberside were identified as the top-performing region for the first time in more than a decade, Nationwide Building Society reported.

The North East of England saw a 1.7 per cent decrease in house prices. Some parts of southern England, including London, also saw house prices fall annually in the third quarter.

Area in top five on loans for home

THE West Midlands was the region with the fifth most completed Help to Buy equity loan property purchases in England, a study by housing experts Fasthomes shows.

It looked at which areas of the county have had the most and fewest completed purchases from data held by The Ministry of Housing.

Nationally 169,102 completed Help to Buy equity loan purchases had been made since the Government scheme launched in 2013. The value of those properties is put at £42.2 billion.

The West Midlands had 18,606 with the county accounting for 7,074 and Staffordshire 3,737.

Businesses lose out to fraudsters

SIX in 10 small and medium-sized business lost money through fraud between July 2017 and June this year, figures show.

At a fraud and cyber security event held in Birmingham, Lloyds Banking Group specialists said 58 per cent of small and medium-sized businesses had been targeted by fraudsters using the information and personal data of suppliers, bosses or business contacts.

They were caught out to the tune of £27,000 on average each time.

400 flights cancelled but more passengers

BUDGET airline Ryanair has said it cancelled 400 flights in September as a result of two days of pilot and cabin crew strikes across five countries, on top of air traffic control staff shortages.

However, it still saw a six per cent rise in passenger numbers to 12.6 million last month, while its load factor, measuring how well it filled its planes, remained at 97 per cent.

Stolen car buyer given second chance

A MECHANIC with a history of handling stolen vehicles has been given a chance to turn over a new leaf.

A new £16,000 Vauxhall Astra disappeared off the forecourt of the Dudley Motor Company in Trindle Road, Dudley, last year. James Tipton made inquiries that led to a cloned number plate being produced for the stolen car, which he bought for £800, Mr Ian Ball, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court. An Astra displaying the registration of a car owned by someone else was later seen during a burglary in Hartlebury, which matched the plate of the 45-year-old had on his motor trader's insurance policy and he was arrested.

His mobile phone revealed he had got a copy of the same registration number used during the burglary. Father-of-three Tipton, had previous convictions for 30 offences. Mr Rashid Mohammed, defending, said: "This happened a considerable time ago and he appears to be turning over a new leaf."

Tipton from Chestnut Road, Walsall, has served a prison sentence for a handling offence committed around the same time.

Tipton, who admitted handling the stolen Astra, was given a 14-month jail term suspended for two years with 120 hours unpaid work, rehabilitation courses and £600 costs.

Judge Simon Ward told him: "Sending somebody to prison, helping them to rehabilitate on release and then sending them back behind bars for something they did around the same time for which they served the prison sentence is a waste of time and money."

Raiders locked up after terrifying retired couple

By John Scott

A TERRIFIED retired couple woke to find a hooded raider shining a torch into their eyes, a judge heard.

He was one of four burglars who broke in after car keys when targetting vehicles owned by the victims, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

They got into the house in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, through a window, said Miss Sophie Murray, prosecuting, and the gang eventually drove off with the couple's Fiat 500 and an £11,500 Ford Focus.

Miss Murray said: "One of those involved in the crime came into the bedroom with a torch, waking the occupants. He was wearing a balaclava and had black clothing."

Abandoned

The gang took the ignition keys for both cars and a wallet with £15 cash and credit cards. Police later found the Fiat abandoned.

Haytham Muflahi, aged 21, and 19-year-old Naglan Saeed were arrested nearby.

Miss Caroline Harris, defending the older man, who had four previous convictions, said the the ex-warehouse worker had found it impossible to get a job after being freed from his most recent sentence. Miss Balvinder Bhatti, for Saeed, maintained he had mixed with the wrong crowd, been made homeless, and got into debt smoking cannabis and was involved to pay off his drug debt.

One of the victims told the court: "It will take some time for my wife to recover from this"

Muflahi, of Ellison Street, West Bromwich, was jailed for three years and four months. Saeed, of no fixed address, received two years detention. Both admitted burglary.

TV's Maddie helps science celebration

Do You Know Maddie's here? Maddie Moate met pupils at Kates Hill Community Primary School in Dudley

TV presenter Maddie Moate visited a school in Dudley to talk about science.

The science video blogger and BAFTA award-winning television presenter, best known for CBeebies series Do You Know?, was at Kates Hill Community Primary School to mark the anniversary of Explorify from Wellcome, a free online resource for primary school teachers.

Kevin Orchard, from the Peel Street school, said: "The impact of Explorify has been astounding. All teachers have embraced it and use it regularly in class.

"Teachers are using them either as a quick starter in science or as a conversation piece in the afternoon. Children are being exposed to so much more science now and they are thriving on it."

Maddie, an Explorify ambassador, is visiting schools across the country to spend time with pupils and show new activities available through Explorify.

Hilary Leevers, head of education and learning at Wellcome, the medical research charity, said: "Since Explorify launched, teachers around the country have been using its free-and-easy activities to spark curiosity in their pupils. We are delighted to be celebrating Explorify's first birthday with teachers who have used it to inspire more scientific thinking in their schools."

Let us pay – by card in church if you have no cash

CASHLESS donations have arrived at churches across the Black Country as the traditional collection plate at Sunday services looks set to be replaced by a contactless card machine.

The move is designed to avoid the time-honoured fumble for cash when the collection plate is passed round – and to reverse the first Church of England's falling cash donations.

Church chiefs reckon collections have been affected because fewer people carry cash on them.

The Lichfield Diocese recently launched trials of the digital devises with churches either setting up terminals at the back of buildings or passing them around the pews.

Eighteen parishes taking part in the trial have reported promising early results.

Easier

Rev Jim Trood, Rector at St Matthews Church in Walsall, one of the parishes taking part, said: "One of the older members at our church said he thought it was great, commenting it was so much easier than having to find the right money to put on the collection plate."

As well as service collections, terminals are also being used for donations at weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Payments of up to £20 can be made via debit card or Apple and Android pay for mobiles.

Jess Dace, deputy finance director of the Lichfield Diocese, said: "Contactless is all around us, why not in our churches. It's a great way for parishes to give people another option when donating and help ease administrative burdens."

Work to start again on hospital

WORK on a the Black Country's delayed 'super-hospital' in Smethwick will re-start later this month after the crisis-hit project was bailed out by the Government – but the hospital will open at least three years late .

Work halted on the £475 million Midland Metropolitan Hospital in Grove Lane with the collapse of Wolverhampton-based construction giant Carillion in January.

Balfour Beatty has been brought in to finish the job.

The hospital, which is around two-thirds built, was rescued when the Government agreed to put up the money to finish construction.

Part of the work will have to be redone as the site has deteriorated after being left to the elements for the best part of a year.

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Minister's praise for care home staff flu jabs

A GOVERNMENT minister has hailed a collaborative scheme which led to 80 per cent fewer flu outbreaks in Dudley borough care homes last winter.

Dudley Council, in conjunction with Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, ensured nearly 1,500 frontline staff in care and residential homes received the flu jab.

The results have been hailed by Caroline Dinenage, Minister for Care, who has held the scheme up as a shining example of the difference that can be made when organisations work together.

It saw 1,462 frontline staff across Dudley receive the vaccination, with 1,183 directly through the scheme and 279 who were eligible to get it from their GP or pharmacy. That made up nearly three quarters of the total workforce.

The minister said the scheme would feature in Quality Matters, a free online resource showcasing good practice in collaborative working in the field.

The council has offered free flu jabs to all its staff this year during the first two weeks of October.

Councillor Cathryn Bayton, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "Flu is a nasty illness which can lead to death – the risk of this is amplified in care homes, where elderly people are less able to fight it off."

MEP Bill quits UKIP in 'despair'

DUDLEY-BASED West Midlands Euro MP Bill Etheridge has quit UKIP, saying he can no longer serve under leader Gerard Batten.

The former Sedgley councillor says he decided to bring an end to his seven years with the party, citing his 'despair' over 'extreme nationalist and reactionary views'.

But he is not leaving politics, having joined the Libertarian Party and being appointed its deputy chairman.

In his resignation letter, Mr Etheridge said the UKIP leader had 'changed the party beyond all recognition'.

He added: "The party is now seen by large swathes of the British public as a vehicle for hate towards Muslims and the gay community."

Poetry workshop

A FREE poetry workshop to create verse inspired by the First World War is being held at Dudley Archives and Local History Centre in Tipton Road on Saturday at 2pm, featuring poet Jon Seagrave. Call (01384) 812770.

Tim's royally good photo on shortlist

Prince William at Mary Stevens Park

EXPRESS & Star chief photographer Tim Thursfield's shot of The Duke of Cambridge has been shortlisted for judging in a national competition to find the best royal shots.

An online public vote was held over a week to find the best of 48 showcased photographs from national and local newspapers, agencies and freelance photographers with thousands of people taking part.

Now Tim's picture of the Duke meeting crowds at Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge has been voted to go through to the finals of the third News Media Association Royal Rota Photography Competition.

The judging panel will now preside over the remaining images.

There are five categories: National Newspaper Rota Photo of the Year; Regional/Local Newspaper Rota Photo of the Year; Picture Agency Rota Photo of the Year; Overall Rota Photo of the Year; and a special category – Rota photographs of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle together.

Tim's picture is up in the Regional/Local Newspaper Rota Photo of the Year category.

The E&S shot was taken when the Duke visited Stourbridge to unveil a statue of Major Frank Foley sitting on a park bench.

Thousands of people packed into Mary Stevens Park for the occasion to honour the man dubbed 'The British Schindler' because he helped save up to 10,000 Jews from the Nazi concentration camps.

The Royal Rota photography competition was launched by the NMA to promote the outstanding work of photographers in the UK news media.

Thief in wrecking sprees at station to steal cash

A MAN caused more than £8,000 damage at Stourbridge Junction railway station to steal a total of just £221 in cash, a judge heard.

Mark Hardy went on wrecking sprees during a series of late-night visits to the station, Mr Phillip Beardwell, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The spate of offending included a burglary and two thefts over 13 days in September last year – with most of the attacks, which mostly took place after midnight, being caught on CCTV cameras.

The 38-year-old caused £1,205 worth of damage to the photo booth while removing the cash box, which held £81. A few days later he smashed a chocolate vending machine to steal its cash box and committed a similar crime four days later.

The total repair bill left by those two offences was £7,000, while he got away with £140 cash, the court heard.

Fingerprints

Hardy, who had 41 previous convictions involving 106 offences, left the cash boxes at the scene after taking the money. His fingerprints were found on them.

The offences were not included when similar crimes committed around the same time saw him receiving a two-year sentence on December 6.

He was given an early release in June this year and had been engaging well with the Probation Service, said Mr David Swinnerton, defending."

Hardy, of Station Road, Stechford, admitted the two thefts and a burglary and was given a 12-month community order with rehabilitation courses.

Judge Simon Ward said: "This was part of a series of similar offences committed around the same time for which you received a prison sentence, which has been served and you are now on the road to rehabilitation.

"It would not be in the interests of justice to send you back to prison. I hope this is a watershed moment for you," the judge added.

Don't get the jitters from these bugs

Three-year-old Charlie Gleave, from Brierley Hill, admires a giant beetle at Merry Hill shopping centre

VISITORS to the Merry Hill shopping centre will find themselves face to face with giant bugs this month.

Big Bugs on Tour has come to intu Merry Hill in an attempt to reconnect people with nature. The initative is backed by TV naturalist Chris Packham and features 12 supersized, indigenous bugs. These include the honeybee, ladybird, hornet, swallowtail butterfly and the nut weevil.

The bugs will be on display at Merry Hill until the end of October, before going on tour to other intu shopping centres nationwide.

Robert Pickersgill, marketing manager at intu Merry Hill, said: "We know that a closer connection to nature makes people happier and Big Bugs on Tour is an opportunity to help educate adults and children on the importance of the bugs in their gardens – and put a smile on their faces."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Luxury store to open at Merry Hill

MIKE Ashley's retail empire is set for a fresh investment in the Black Country – opening one of its luxury brand stores at the intu Merry Hill shopping centre.

Just days after Mr Ashley's House of Fraser company confirmed it would be keeping Wolverhampton's Beatties department store, it was revealed that the Sport Direct tycoon's top drawer Flannels chain is set to open its first store at the Brierley Hill mall.

It will open in an 11,000 sq ft unit in December. Flannels sells brands including Gucci and Jimmy Choo, and already has a store at Birmingham's Burlington Arcade.

Whisky society hold first meeting

THE Black Country Whisky Society has held its first meeting.

Martin Gallagher, aged 32, a nurse practitioner at Russells Hall Hospital, said they were hoping to build up membership following the initial meeting last week in the Old Swan Inn (Ma Pardoes), Netherton.

They plan to try four to six different whiskies each month and get guest speakers from distilleries.

Further meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month at the Halesowen Road pub from 7pm with the next held on November 2.

Help is needed at winter ales fest'

ORGANISERS of the annual Dudley Winter Ales Fair are hoping for volunteers to help with staging this year's event.

It will be running in Dudley Town hall from November 29 to December 1with more than 70 real ales and craft beers featured.

The Dudley and South Staffordshire branch of the Campaign for Real Ale is holding a planning meeting on November 5 in The Park Inn, George Street, Woodsetton, at 8pm.

Last year's winter ales fair raised about £1,500 for charity.

Christmas gift fair to be held at Himley Hall

A TWO-DAY Christmas gifts fair is being held at Himley Hall next month.

The weekend event will run from 10.30am to 5pm on November 17 and 18 at the Dudley Council-owned stately home.

There will be more than 50 exhibitors from all over the UK with stalls in the hall and in a heated pavilion.

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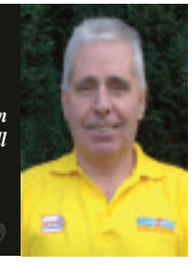

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Real life? Send them to join the destitute

AS clichés go, it ticks most of the boxes. Millionaire's son from Fulham goes to live in council house with single mother on benefits.

The television series Rich Kids Go Skint is back, and this time obscenely rich Patrick Cathcart spends three days living with unemployed Katrina in Salford. He is quick to reveal he has never heard of Salford, and describes his surroundings in the way you might expect a war correspondent to portray the sights on the battlefield.

It's a great hoot: Patrick has a 10 grand Rolex, Katrina has a £3 watch. Katrina spends £30 a week on food, to which Patrick observes 'that's a carpaccio starter'. We all know the message, and it's hardly subtle: a nation divided between the haves and have-nots; the ridiculously privileged and those leading a hand-to-mouth existence.

But look at this from another angle. Patrick's watch may be more expensive than Katrina's, but they both tell the time. Patrick might blow a fortune in fancy restaurants while Katrina lives off chicken kievs, but they both have food.

If they really wanted to highlight the gap between the rich and the poor, maybe the producers should have been a bit braver. Such as sending Katrina to spend three days with the destitute in one of the world's poorest countries. Or maybe living with those affected by the Indonesian earthquake. It probably wouldn't be as much fun as laughing at rich toffs like Patrick, and maybe it wouldn't give us that feelgood sense of indignation and entitlement. But a few days swatting off mosquitoes at the standpipe, or waiting for the aid truck to deliver food rations would perhaps make people realise that Britain really isn't so bad after all.

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STUDENTS at Manchester University have been asked to refrain from clapping at students' union meetings, and rather to give a 'jazz hands' gesture instead.

Apparently, it stems from concern that some of the sensitive things feel anxious when they hear applause, and it causes them distress. Anxious at the sound of applause? These guys want to get themselves down Villa Park, they'd love it.

That said, I remember once feeling slightly anxious after a cup defeat when I was shoulder-charged out the way by a man who wanted to give jazz hands to then-manager Paul Lambert. At least I think it was jazz hands.

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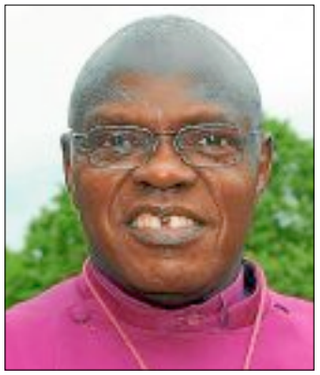
TRULY offal news in Devon, where a lorry driver shed his load of two tons of animal intestines.

Outrage over information stall for new students



Maybe the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu can give a plausible explanation

Ben Elton masterpiece brings poignant TV moments that will be remembered

The immaculately coiffed Katya Adler doesn't look like your usual TV hack

Sex talk: We know where this can lead

THERE was outrage at the University of Brighton where something called The Sex Workers' Outreach Project set up a stall at an event for new students, offering information and condoms. A university spokesman insists: "We would like to make it clear that the university does not promote sex work as an option to students." If they did, it would presumably lead to a B.Ed.

IT is almost 30 years since writers Ben Elton and Richard Curtis turned the final moments of Blackadder Goes Forth (BBC1) from cynical comedy to pure pathos. Unexpectedly, the four main characters went over the top from their trench, to be wiped out by machine-gun fire. The screen turned into a field of Flanders poppies. That moment left millions of viewers astonished and deeply moved. Comedy is not supposed to behave like this. And then this week on Upstart Crow (BBC2) Ben Elton did it again. The clever silliness of William Shakespeare's private life suddenly turned to real history. Will (David Mitchell) arrives home in August 1596 to find his beloved only son, 11-year-old Hamnet, has died of the plague. The laughter stops. As long as people talk about television, those few poignant moments will be remembered. A total masterpiece.

COUNTRYFILE (BBC1) introduced us to an 11-year-old boy dying of a form of premature Alzheimer's disease. He is already losing memories and will soon go blind and be fed through a tube. On the day this nightmare was revealed, it was announced that the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu, will retire in June 2020. This gives his successor two years to dream up a plausible explanation of why a loving God allows little children to suffer like this.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

AN Italian scientist, Professor Alessandro Strumia, has been suspended by the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, after he gave a presentation using a slide which said: "Physics was invented and built by men". These words have been denounced as "highly offensive" We are told that the scientific community is "in shock." Outrage is clearly the order of the day. And yet I have a suspicion that, if a female scientist had declared "Physics was invented and built by women," she would have been praised for her brave, forthright and revolutionary thinking and given a standing ovation. We live in strange times.

LAMBETH Council stands accused of racism towards some employees. In response,the council says it is starting "diversity awareness and unconscious bias training." I wonder what happens if you fall asleep during the unconscious bias lesson.

UNLESS you have experienced an earthquake (and I haven't) you can't begin to understand the terror it creates. Even if you escape unharmed you can be traumatised for life by so-called infrasound, the low-frequency sounds generated by a tremor which are perfectly pitched to cause feelings of awe, fear and panic in humans. In the case of the Indonesian tsunami and earthquake, Mother Nature unleashed another of her horrors – liquefaction. This is the combination of soil type and rapid vibration that turns solid ground into liquid beneath your feet. Buildings, vehicles, roads and people simply sink into the earth. All your worst nightmares come true at the same moment and no TV or radio dispatch can capture what the local people have suffered. As the appeals for cash begin, give what you wish but give thanks you don't live in an earthquake zone.

SOON after the Boxing Day Tsunami of 2004 I was sent to a small island in the Maldives which for a few terrible moments had vanished under the ocean. Although the villagers could explain what they had seen, they could barely believe it themselves. A woman showed me the tide mark left by the tsunami in the room where she had been sitting. The water came in, rose almost to the ceiling and then sank away in a few seconds. When the tsunami had passed, three children of the village were drowned, some houses were wrecked and the village wells, used for hundreds of years, were ruined by salt water. There was nothing we hacks could do except tell the world what had happened. But I do recall a sense of pride at seeing people rehomed in sturdy white tents bearing the UN logo. Those tents seemed to say that, even on this tiny speck of land in the middle of nowhere, the world cared.

SHE really is in a class of her own. Katya Adler doesn't look like your usual TV hack. She has the bearing of a diplomat and appears on our screens immaculately coiffed and made-up, as though she's just sitting in front of the camera before heading off to an embassy party. I can never see Katya without imagining her graciously picking one chocolate from a vast tray of Ferrero Rocher. Ambassador, you're really spoiling us.

TALKING POINT

Questions – but I just don't get an answer

WE live in an era of reliable, instant communication. Or do we? Despite being able to exchange news, views and ideas in a matter of seconds, there are still pockets of resistance to the idea of actually responding to that beep or vibration which signals that someone is trying to get in touch.

A perfect example was an inquiry I made to a music venue recently regarding the time the act was on stage.

The timing was important as the plan was to watch the band either before or after a meal at a nearby restaurant.

So, thinking that three days would give the venue enough time to reply, I went to their website and in the box inviting inquiries and/or comments asked what time the entertainment began.

Then I waited, and waited and waited. Still no reply. On the morning of the concert, I went back to the website to get a phone number. Not wishing to be stung for the cost of a call or text to a mobile number, I opted for the landline.

It rang out for some considerable time before a recorded message cut in and said my call couldn't be connected and, no, I could not leave a message.

Surely a text to the mobile number would bring a response? No way.

There was only one thing for it. Turn up at the venue, in person, and take pot luck.

It turned out the band was starting two hours after the advertised time but the website had not been updated. Furthermore, no-one had been available to monitor any messages or answer the phone.

In this case, everything turned out OK but so often there is no urgency in actually making contact, with some organisations seemingly happy to ignore the issue.

Having endured a problem late at night on a multi-storey car park, I emailed the operator and explained in detail how distressing the episode was. A few days later, I got a reply saying my complaint was being investigated. That was in July. I still haven't heard anything.

Some organisations are prompt in replying, even if they merely send out an acknowledgment that it has been received, although the automated 'Do not reply to this email' messages are infuriating.

On the whole though, the policy seems to keep everyone in the dark and hope they give up trying, unless to ignore an email or call would cost money or lead to adverse publicity.

My message to these people is, the technology is there to make our lives easier, so don't be surprised if and when you suffer a backlash. We're trying to communicate. Why aren't you?

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Both Metro trams and Sprint, 'Metro's little sister', are phenomenally expensive to buy and install.

In addition, buildings are still planned for the tracks and the only feasible site for the re-opening of Dudley Castle Hill main line station. This idiocy, mind you, on a principal line that Network Rail and the Department for Transport maintain, is 'a railway of national strategic significance'.

I call it stunning ineptitude, corporate stupidity and financial illiteracy to disregard the costs of trams for taxpayers when the 120kms Black Country Railway desperately needs the return of its trains and stations.

The money should go to extend free bus travel for all and to give us electric buses. No more electric trams!

TIM WELLER
Halesowen

Landlords should be responsible

PRIVATE landlords should be made accountable for the poverty and slum areas in this country.

Decent people are fed up with different tenants coming and going, the fear of who you have living next door to you, also mountains of furniture left behind on the pavements for months at a time.

Why should people have to put up with this when the landlords themselves would be the first to complain about such behaviour?

The country is on the decline because people such as private landlords are allowed to get away with this behaviour.

You have a voice. Please use it.

JUDITH FISHER
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Grubby kids healthier?

WHEN we were kids we would go out to play after school – football, cricket, just racing round having fun, and coming home grubby for food. I do not remember having to wash our hands and tooth cleaning was to rub our gums with soot. I had measles and a bad dose of flu. But no other ailments other than scabs on sore knees, etc.

I am in my late 70s and, have five grandchildren. Two suffer from allergies, one from contact with peanuts, the other from cashew nuts. Both have to carry epipens. Why, by having to be clean, as is the modern tendency, are our descendants being made to suffer from 'man-made ailments'?

PETER COLE
Kingswinford

Beware the shorter life pension con

THE latest revelation blows a gaping hole in the Conservative con on pensions.

Now we are informed that people in this country are not living longer, on the contrary, life spans are getting shorter.

Does that mean the retirement age con introduced by the Tories will be revoked? I doubt it.

They will be raking it in, when people now will be working until they die – all down in my opinion to Tory cuts, austerity, food banks, poor healthcare, the national poverty wage, and zero-hour contracts.

The solution: Don't bother with a pension, it's just a savings scheme for the Government's coffers.

C LLOYD
Dudley

Disabled bays being misused

I am a disabled blue card holder living in Sedgley, shopping at Asda and markets. Both times today all the disabled bays were full, not one had a permit.

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More than 20,000 face long wait at A&E

MORE than 20,000 people waited four hours or more at Russells Hall Hospital's A&E last year, new figures show.

Just 78 per cent of patients were seen within the NHS benchmark waiting time of four hours at the Dudley Group NHS Trust – missing the 95 per cent target by 17 per cent.

Figures from NHS England show that 22,348 patients waited for more than four hours at the emergency department in 2017-18, before being discharged, transferred or admitted to a ward. Bosses put the failings down to an increase in patient numbers, with the hospital dealing with around 700 more patients last year than the year before

It comes as A&E services at the hospital remain under investigation over dozens of deaths, and follows a Care Quality Commission report which gave emergency care the lowest rating of 'inadequate'.

According to NHS England an average of 283 people a day were seen by the trust's A&E department in 2017-18.

Other NHS trusts in the region also performed badly.

By Peter Madeley

University Hospital North Midlands Trust, which runs Stafford Hospital, fell 27 per cent below the target, with 53,923 people waiting for four hours or more.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust missed it by 25 per cent, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust was 16 per cent out and the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust fell 11 per cent under the benchmark.

Diane Wake, chief executive of the Dudley Group Trust, said: "We continue to work closely with our partners and are doing all we can to achieve the target of 95 per cent."

Russells Hall Hospital last achieved the target in March 2017.

Crooks funding new stingers for police

Criminals have paid £10,000 to fund West Midlands Police's new car tyre stingers

CASH seized from criminals has been spent on equipping a fleet of police response cars with tyre-deflating 'stinger' devices.

Nineteen of the spiked strips have been bought with a donation of more than £10,000 from the Proceeds of Crime Act Fund, a kitty made up of money stripped from offenders and the sale of their assets.

They have been fitted to a fleet of Vauxhall Insignias used by response officers attending emergency incidents.

The first successful sting came on September 23 when officers patrolling in Coventry spotted a vehicle travelling on false number plates, which had been stolen in a burglary four weeks earlier.

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YouTube star's goodbye at end of cancer battle

A YOUTUBE star from Dudley who documented his battle with a rare form of cancer in daily blogs has died.

Dan Thomas had been sharing the emotional ups and downs of his cancer journey to more than 150,000 subscribers.

The news was broken by his family – his parents, two brothers and wife Becca – on the channel where he posted his videos under the name of PeeWeeToms.

The 32-year-old's positive attitude touched many, including Russian cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev, who sent him a message from the International Space Station.

The family thanked his audience for their support and announced that they would be posting videos on the channel in the future – including some 'surprises' Dan prepared in advance.

Supportive

His brother, professional drummer Matt Thomas, said: "Honestly, we really want to thank you, our entire family. You've been so supportive of Dan's journey. We know how much it's helped. Words can't express how we all feel right now but I hope that we can continue our journey with you."

Dan was diagnosed in 2015. Originally told he had shingles, he was eventually given a diagnosis of sarcomatoid carcinoma. Medics told him there were only 16 recorded cases.

More than 30 tumours were removed from all around his body. He chronicled his treatments, hopes and dreams but in a post in April, captioned 'Cancer has won, game over' he revealed the disease had spread too far for further surgery. It received more than two million views.

The positive attitude of Dudley's Dan Thomas as he battled cancer inspired many

Forced to give up his job through illness, he started a GoFundMe page to raise money partly for treatment and for travel, so he could visit other cancer patients and give them encouragement. He raised more than £10,000 before his terminal diagnosis. He continued his blogs with his videos getting views in the hundreds of thousands.

He married his partner Becca Thomas weeks before he died.

Over the past two weeks, the software developer told viewers he had become too sick for chemotherapy and was in a hospice.

In his final vlog he said: "There's things I want to do that I'll never be able to do."

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This quiet hero's story deserved to be told

I first heard the amazing story of Frank Foley, the MI6 spy who saved tens of thousands of Jews from the Holocaust when I was interviewing another wartime spy for a book on British intelligence, writes journalist Michael Smith.

Frank Foley

Foley was so good at obtaining intelligence on Hitler's war machine that he was still held up as an example to new recruits at the service's training school at Fort Monkton in Hampshire, the former MI6 officer told me.

But he was not just a brilliant spy, he was also 'a near saint' helping thousands of Jews to get out of pre-war Germany.

Foley's cover in Berlin was as passport control officer, handling visas for the UK, anywhere in the empire, and for Palestine which Britain administered under mandate from the League of Nations.

As a journalist, I am naturally cynical of anything I am told by someone in authority. I had heard of Oskar Schindler, who saved 1,200 Jews. If this Frank Foley had saved tens of thousands, I and everyone else would surely know about him.

The former MI6 officer offered me no real evidence, but even so if it were true it was a fascinating story that surely deserved to be told.

That set me out on a fascinating journey, which led me via Stourbridge, where Foley spent his retirement in Eveson Road, just a mile away from the wonderful statue to him which Prince William recently unveiled, to Israel, Germany and New York in search of those he saved.

Michael Smith with the Frank Foley statue in Mary Stevens Park

I spoke to a few surviving neighbours in Eveson Road, who remembered the quiet, unpretentious man who spent much of his retirement tending his vegetable garden. I then spoke to Yad Vashem, from the Jewish Holocaust Memorial, about Foley. They had documents on him in their archives which they sent to me.

These included the memoirs of Hubert Pollack, a Jewish aid worker working alongside Foley in Berlin, who described how Foley had saved 'tens of thousands' of Jews from the Nazis.

There was testimony from Benno Cohn, a former chairman of the Zionist Organisation of Germany, who paid tribute to Foley at the 1961 trial in Israel of Adolf Eichmann, an SS officer who helped organise the Holocaust.

"There was one man who stood out above all others like a beacon," Cohn told the court. "Captain Foley, passport officer in the British Consulate in the Tiergarten in Berlin. He rescued thousands of Jews from the jaws of death."

Foley had not just bent the rules to give people visas, he had gone into camps to get people out, provided Jews with false passports, he and wife Kay hid Jews in their home every night before smuggling them to freedom.

● **Foley: The Spy Who Saved 10,000 Jews by Michael Smith, published by Biteback.**

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It's a way of life, says David after 35 years working at zoo

A 65-YEAR-OLD has been congratulated for completing 35 years of service at Dudley Zoo.

Dr David Beeston, who has a PhD in zoology, joined the zoo on October 1, 1983, when he set up the education department.

He said: "It was quite by accident how I came to get the job. I was at Birmingham University doing a PhD when a friend of a flatmate of mine had been approached about a job at Dudley Zoo. She wasn't interested so I rang up to see if I could go for the interview instead.

"It's an extremely varied role and every week is different. I could have a student who needs help, a health and safety issue, I may liaise with Wolverhampton University, or even get calls from the public about a strange spider or snake they have found. People have even called me if they are stuck on a crossword clue about an animal.

"It's a very rewarding role. The zoo is a way of life, not just a job and that's why I've been here so long."

A father-of-three and grandfather-of-two, he headed the education department until 2003 when he took on the registrar and research co-ordinator role he still has today.

Zoo Director Derek Grove said: "He has played a significant role in education and research at Dudley Zoo and continues to help young zookeepers from across the Midlands gain their animal care qualifications."

Dr David Beeston, left, is congratulated for his 35 years of service by zoo director Derek Grove

Canal trust retains its visitor experience prize

DUDLEY Canal and Tunnel Trust has been recognised for its excellence in hosting schools and students when they make a visit to the historic attraction.

The trust, based at The Portal off Birmingham New Road, has once again been awarded the Learning Outside the Classroom quality badge. The accreditation assures quality in different areas of performance, including the experiences offered, learning provided, health and safety and support from venue staff before and after the visit.

"We're so pleased to have this awarded to us again," said Sarah Fellows, heritage activities officer for the trust. "Our programme of workshops and boat trips for schools has been receiving rave reviews from teachers and students since we introduced new opportunities back in 2015 when our Portal building opened.

As well as a boat trip into the caverns under Dudley, students can take part in a workshop sessions on topics including canals and industry, rocks and fossils.

Addict stole from friend and family to buy drugs

A DRUG addict who stole TV sets from his family and a friend to fund his cocaine habit has been jailed for nearly a year.

By Jonny Drury

Kevin Cuttell, aged 31, of Hulland Place, Brierley Hill, admitted two charges of theft from his parents and a close friend, in exchange for £120 worth of cocaine.

Cutell waq also just weeks into an order under a suspended sentence for cannabis production, a breach which he admitted.

At Shrewsbury Crown Court Judge Peter Barrie sentenced Cuttell to 10 months in prison, describing the incidents as 'nasty thefts'.

Katie Fox, prosecuting, said in September 2017, Cuttell's parents were on holiday and he was staying at their home in Leegomery, Telford.

His sister soon became concerned because he had sold his TV, and then noticed a TV set worth £200 had been removed from his parents' home.

Texted

He then texted his mother saying: "I am so sorry for what I have done. I can't believe I have done it again.

"I've ruined everything. Drink and drugs made me do it."

His friend, Andrew Bagnell, gave Cuttell keys to go to his house but he was later seen by a neighbour carrying away a TV worth £400 from the property.

Again, Cuttell sent a text, telling his friend he was sorry for what he had done.

When interviewed, he said he had taken the TVs to buy cocaine.

Police later discovered Cuttell had taken the sets to his dealer's address, where they had each been exchanged £60 worth of cocaine

Kevin Jones, defending, said his client, who had entered early guilty pleas, had been drug free for three months.

Letters were handed to the judge in mitigation, one from Cuttell's partner.

Mr Jones told the court that Cuttell's mother had been reimbursed for the stolen TV.

The court further heard that, at the time of the offences, Cuttell had stopped complying with his suspended sentence requirements.

Judge Barrie told Cuttell that had he faced up to his problems in the first place, the prison sentence may have been avoided.

Hammer to fall for last time at auction

ONE of the oldest auction businesses in the Midlands is set to close later this month after more than 170 years.

Perry & Phillips Auctioneers, of Mill Street, Bridgnorth, will hold its final sale on October 23. The current saleroom in Low Town has been used since the 1980s but the original Perry & Phillips company can trace its origins as far back as the 1800s.

"We are sad to announce that our October sale will be our last," said Perry & Phillips auctioneer John Ridgway. "The decision to close has not been taken lightly.

"The time has come for myself and other members of our Mill Street team to concentrate on our associated business, the Old Mill Antiques Centre, which continues to attract customers from all over the country and overseas. Following the death of my two brothers, Denis and Philip, who were both integral to the running of the saleroom, I have decided not to continue alone but to channel all my time into the antiques centre."

Virtual crime scene tool to beat the burglars

POLICE have launched a virtual reality challenge aimed at providing home security tips to defy burglars.

The online walkthrough has been put together by West Midlands Police and former criminal Michael Fraser.

Users take on the role of a detective called to the scene of a fictional burglary at 27 Station Road.

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Michael, who also appeared on the BBC's Beat The Burglar series, was recruited to help so the challenge could be as realistic as possible.

Advantage

He said: "27 Station Road is West Midlands Police's first ever interactive crime scene and it could quite easily be your home. Burglars are opportunistic thieves, they're looking for a weakness in your home security and they will take advantage."

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Pc David Manning with reformed burglar Michael Fraser

Factory demolition passed

A BUILDING that was part of the oldest chainmakers in the Black Country is to be bulldozed after plans for demolition were given the green light.

The old Brodney Chains site on Quarry Road, Dudley Wood, will be flattened under plans to put homes on. The firm was snapped up by William Hackett Chains in 2013.

The company has been a fixture of the Black Country's industrial heritage for decades but the building will now finally be pulled down. Initial plans for 24 homes on the historic site, lodged by Harker Homes, have already been approved by councillors.

Now an application to demolish the factory has also been passed, finally paving the way for building to start. Planners at Dudley Council raised no objection to the request for demolition.

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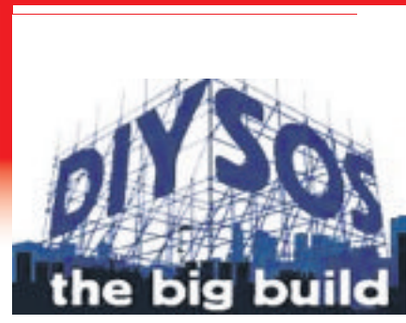

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Rockers on road with the sound of Stourbridge

MUSICIANS who found fame in the 1980s and 90s will be reunited for more dates celebrating a music scene which briefly made Stourbridge the hippest town on the rock scene.

Ned's Atomic Dustbin, Pop Will Eat Itself and Miles Hunt from The Wonder Stuff will all appear on the Love From Stourbridge tour in Birmingham next year.

Stourbridge rockers Ned's Atomic Dustbin, fronted by Jonn Penney, will headline the two-day event, alongside fellow Black Country band The Wonder Stuff.

The two-day 'tour' has been organised following the success of a reunion gig and tour last year.

Formed in 1987, Ned's Atomic Dustbin are best known for songs such as Not Sleeping Around, Kill Your Television, Grey Cell Green, Trust, Intact and All I Ask of Myself Is That I Hold Together.

The band made three studio albums, starting with their classic debut God Fodder in 1991.

The Black Country quintet quickly gathered a strong fanbase after being offered a support slot by local heroes The Wonder Stuff on their 1989 and 1990 UK tours.

Favourite

The Neds also released several live albums and EPs, videos and became popular in America and Japan.

Pop Will Eat Itself, with members from the Black Country and Birmingham, will also perform at the shows following a performance at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on December 15 with original drummer Fuzz Townsend, who went to more recently find fame as a TV presenter with Car SOS. Original members Graham Crabb, Adam Mole and Richard March will also be playing at the Wolverhampton gig.

Jonn Penney, front man of Ned's Atomic Dustbin

Miles Hunt from The Wonder Stuff, who had hits in the 1980s and 90s

The group has just released a four CD career anthology, Def Comms 86-18, on Cherry Red Records. It features tracks from all eight of their albums.

Pop Will Eat Itself, who had hit singles with Touched by the Hand of Cicciolina, X Y & Zee, and Get The Girl! Kill The Baddies!will perform hit album This Is The Day...This Is The Hour...This Is This! in full, as well as other favourite tracks.

The Wonder Stuff's Miles Hunt will perform a guest DJ set at the Birmingham shows. Formed in 1986, his band are best known for hit songs such as Caught In My Shadow, Mission Drive, Don't Let Me Down Gently, and Size of a Cow. The quintet split in 1994 before reforming in 2000. They released their first album in more than a decade, Escape from Rubbish Island, in 2004. In recent years Hunt has performed solo and with singer, songwriter and violinist Erica Nockalls

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Perfect setting for a journey into the past

The Britannia is seen travelling on the Severn Valley Railway's Victoria Bridge Photo by Aaron Chown

A STEAM train sweeping elegantly through a rural landscape in full autumnal splendour.

The Britannia, which was once owned by record producer and train enthusiast Pete Waterman, was captured in this beautiful image crossing the Victoria Bridge on the Severn Valley Railway near Bewdley.

The 67-year-old locomotive has run for many years on the SVR line, carrying steam fans between Bridgnorth and Kidderminster. Passengers chose the perfect day on Sunday, when this scene was snapped, for a trip with the colours of the Shropshire and Worcestershire countryside in October reflected in the River Severn below.

King

Britannia, built in 1951, has been tasked with some important duties in her time. The locomotive pulled the funeral train of King George VI from Norfolk to London following his death in 1952 at Sandringham House.

Withdrawn in 1966 after 15 years service, that was far from the end of the line for Britannia. The engine went on to work on other heritage lines. After a series of mechanical failures it was bought in 2000 by Walsall-born record producer, former railway worker and steam enthusiast Pete Waterman but he ended up selling her on because of the amount of restoration work needed.

The locomotive underwent an extensive overhaul and in 2013 pulled the Royal Train with Prince Charles on board.

The 200ft Victoria Bridge crossing the River Severn near Arley was, at the time of its construction in 1861, the longest single-span cast iron bridge in Britain.

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War Horse gallops in to Hippodrome

The unforgettable theatrical experience that is War Horse will have an extended run at Birmingham Hippodrome from Wednesday until November 3 before returning to London.

Following a record-breaking eight years in the West End and having been staged in 11 countries to more than seven million people, the National Theatre's acclaimed play – which was made into a film by Steven Spielberg – will make a welcome return to Birmingham.

At the outbreak of the First World War, Joey, young Albert's beloved horse, is sold to the Cavalry and shipped to France. Albert, who remained on his parents' farm, cannot forget Joey and embarks on a perilous mission to bring him home.

The play is based on the hugely popular novel by Michael Morpurgo and audiences can look forward to a powerfully moving and imaginative drama. At its heart are astonishing life-sized horses by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, who bring breathing, galloping, charging horses thrillingly to life on stage.

Thomas Dennis, who plays Albert, said: "We've been touring for over a year and Birmingham will be our last UK venue before we go back to the National Theatre. What's really special is that it's 2018 – the centenary anniversary of the end of the war. That gives the piece a special resonance." See www.birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Set sail on spectacular Disney voyage

Dream Disney date

IT'S time to Dream Big as the latest Disney On Ice spectacular prepares to charm families at its Birmingham show.

Join Moana, Maui and friends as they embark on their ice debut. Audiences at the Arena Birmingham will set sail with the wayfinder Moana in Dream Big.

This all-new production, produced by Feld Entertainment, assembles a collection of inspiring stories connected by a cast of characters with a desire to explore the depths, heights and horizons of their dreams. Alongside Moana and demigod Maui are eight tales of courage and heart, including Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, Aladdin and Tangled. The production will be at the Arena from Friday, October 19 to Sunday, October 28, with weekend matinees.

Courage leads the way for Disney's daring heroes. Travel to the kingdom of Arendelle with Anna, Elsa and Olaf in a retelling of the sisterly love that saved a kingdom. Jump into amazing adventures with Aladdin as he seizes his chance to outwit his adversaries in the marketplace of Agrabah. Discover uncharted worlds with Rapunzel and Jasmine.

Battle the villain Maleficent in the form of a fire-breathing dragon alongside Prince Phillip, igniting the ice in a blazing spectacle. Dive under the sea with Ariel as she yearns to explore life above the waves. And find the inner strength that comes from kindness and determination with Belle, Aurora and Cinderella. Arrive early to celebrate 90 years of Walt Disney's true original, Mickey Mouse.

Tickets are available from www.disneyonice.co.uk

You can't hurry love for Motown

The magical music of Motown will be brought to life when soul classics by Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Smokey Robinson play out in a new show coming to Birmingham.

West End hit Motown The Musical will be the first show at The Alexandra Theatre since the venue's £650,000 revamp.

The production is dedicated to the music of the American soul/R&B record label, which was founded in Detroit in 1959 and went on to dominate the pop charts during the 1960s and 70s.

It is opening its first UK and Ireland tour at the Station Street venue, and will run from tonight (Thursday) until November 3.

Fans can look forward to singers with a live orchestra performing 50 Motown favourites including Ain't No Mountain High Enough, I'll Be There, Dancing In The Street, Stop! In The Name Of Love, My Girl and I Heard It through the Grapevine.

It will tell the extraordinary story of Motown founder Berry Gordy, who with just with just 800 dollars borrowed from his family went from featherweight boxer to heavyweight music mogul, discovering and launching the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Smokey Robinson, Marvin Gaye and many more.

Motown the Musical uncovers the true story of the legendary record label that changed music history and created the soundtrack for a generation.

High standard of food and ales

The Island Pool is a classic country pub serving not only a high standard of food but great traditional ales.

A spokesman said: "We have to offer, a carvery with a choice freshly roasted meats accompanied by a wide variety of fresh locally sourced vegetables.

"Alongside our carvery, we have an extensive menu with a range of foods to suit any and every palate. We are proud to offer exquisite beef steaks, also sourced locally, and are all cooked to perfection.

"Sumptuous breakfast, tasty lunch and sexy dinners. Stop by for our varied menu and enjoy our farm to table concept."

The pub is open daily between Sunday and Friday, from 12pm and 8pm and Saturday from 12noon to 9pm.

Breakfast is available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 8.30am and 11am.

The spokesman added: "Whether it's brunch, lunch or dinner you're joining us for, call to reserve your table on (01562) 850311."

A routine from Kinky Boots

Bootiful show to drag you into fabulous musical

HIT musical Kinky Boots will soon be strutting straight from the Land Of Lola into Wolverhampton – following the official tour launch of the West End show's UK tour

The award-winning show will be at the Grand from October 16 to 27, starring Callum Francis, Coronation Street's Paula Lane and Joel Harper-Jackson. Inspired by true events, it tells the tale of Charlie Price, who is struggling to live up to his father's expectation and continue the family shoe business in Northampton.

With the factory's future hanging in the balance, help arrives in the unlikely but spectacular form of Lola, a fabulous drag queen in need of some sturdy new stilettos.

Callum Francis, who plays Lola in a flurry of sparkle and colour, is very much the star of this feel-good musical featuring songs by pop icon Cyndi Lauper.

Kinky Boots has won three Olivier Awards, for Best New Musical, Best Costume Design and Best Actor in a Musical.

See www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call 01902 429212.

Star Jorja to shine at sold out homecoming concert

Jorja Smith has enjoyed a remarkable rise to fame after the release of her debut album Lost and Found.

The Walsall R&B singer is on the road with a sell-out UK tour, which reaches Birmingham's O2 Academy on Saturday.

Jorja started singing when she was eight and began writing songs at the age of 11, amassing many as yet unreleased songs that skew from pop to modern soul.

Her family settled in the area after Jorja's mother forged a career as a jewellery maker, after living in London, and her Jamaica-born father led a neo-soul vocal group called 2nd Naicha. Jorja was raised on a diet of reggae, rock, and soul, which she countered with her own love of house and dubstep.

Her dad, she said, realised she had a talent when he heard her sing Silent Night in church.

Jorja moved to London where she wrote more songs and supported herself by working at Starbucks. Her breakthrough came in January 2016, self-released her debut single, Blue Lights, which was a hit on local radio in London. She was discovered by Drake who asked her to duet on Get It Together. Jorja said no. "I couldn't sing it because it didn't relate to me," she says. However, soon after, she and her then-boyfriend broke up and the song started to make more sense.

She's enjoyed a meteoric rise since and sang Blue Lights at the recent televised Mercury Prize night.

Jorja Smith – meteoric rise

Laughter from the trenches in war play

A play about how a satirical newspaper that was created in the trenches of the First World War is being staged at Birmingham Rep, with the final performances on Saturday afternoon and evening.

In a bombed out building during the First World War in the Belgian town of Ypres (pronounced Wipers by British soldiers), two officers discover a printing press and create a newspaper for the troops. Far from being a sombre journal, they produce a resolutely cheerful, subversive and very funny newspaper designed to lift the spirits of the men on the frontline. Defying enemy bombardments, gas attacks and disapproval of the top brass, The Wipers Times rolled off the press for two years and was an extraordinary tribute to the resilience of the human spirit in the face of adversity – and paved the way for such irreverent publications as Private Eye, which Have I Got News For You regular Hislop has edited since 1986.

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Nigel's work inspired by Polish Jewish culture

It has been a whirlwind year for Nigel Kennedy, seeing him perform huge sell-out shows in London and Manchester, as well as headlining the BBC's Biggest Weekend events in Coventry and Perth.

Next Thursday (October 18) the multi-million selling virtuoso violinist will be at Birmingham's Symphony Hall perform works by Bach, Gershwin, as well as his own self-penned pieces.

A homecoming of sorts for Kennedy, who is a massive Aston Villa fan, he will perform his recent work The Magician of Lublin, inspired by his love of Poland and its Jewish heritage. Kennedy will also play Fugue from Sonata No. 1 by JS Bach and a selection from the Songbook of George Gershwin including Summertime.

On Saturday at Symphony Hall acclaimed conductor Xian Zhang will take the baton for Shostakovich's Symphony No 5. Soprano Fatma Said will also sing a selection of Strauss songs.

Celebrations at restaurant

The Bangla Lounge restaurant has recently celebrated its 15th anniversary with a party, delicious food and guests dancing the night away.

Bangla Lounge has been serving the Halesowen area for 15 years.

Originally set up in 2003 by owner Bari's family, the business has gone from strength to strength.

A spokesman said: "As you enter you are welcomed by a magnificent setting and a delightful marriage of classic and luxurious modern – a wonderful comfortable experience.

"The menu offers a wide variety of mouth-watering dishes from red hotGoa to cool Kashmir. On the new 2018 menu, new dishes include South Indian garlic lamb or chicken, Dhabba Murgh, as well as exclusive house specials Tamarind king prawns, chicken makhani and home- made lamb dish.

"There are plenty of dishes for vegetarians and fish lovers." All food is made freshly cooked on order and chefs take great care inselecting the best quality ingredients. The restaurant also offers a large selection of wines and beer from around the world.

Although Bangla is licensed, they are running a special promotion until December 1. You can bring your own drinks when you are ordering off the main menu.

If you are planning a celebration, the restaurant's upstairs function room can cater for up to 40 guests and is ideal for work parties, birthday celebrations oranniversaries. Takeaways are available and home delivery service is free within a three-mile radius. To book a table call 01215857020 or email: info@banglaloungehalesowen.co.uk

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Sandra Oh

Killing Eve (BBC1, 9.25pm)
Having survived a terrifying close call with Villanelle, Eve and the team now have the mole retrieved and ensconced in a safe house, offering the chance to uncover information that could lead them not only to Villanelle, but also to whoever is calling the shots behind her. However, with the cold-blooded and unpredictable assassin still very much at large, are any of them actually safe until she is caught? Spy thriller, starring Jodie Comer, Sandra Oh, Fiona Shaw, Kim Bodnia and Darren Boyd.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Money for Nothing. **3.00** Escape to the Country. **4.00 Film:** Frozen. (2013) Disney animated fantasy adventure, with the voice of Kristen Bell. **5.30** BBC News. **5.40** Regional Programme. **5.50** Pointless Celebrities.

6.40 Strictly Come Dancing. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman host the next stage of the dance contest, as the 13 remaining couples take to the floor to impress judges Shirley Ballas, Craig Revel Horwood, Bruno Tonioli and Darcey Bussell, as well as the viewers, and avoid being eliminated in tomorrow night's results show. The likes of Faye Tozer, Ashley Roberts, Danny John-Jules and Joe Sugg have all impressed in the opening weeks, but know they are only one poor dance away from potentially being sent home.

8.35 Casualty. Rash reels from his break up with Gem as she refuses to accept his apology, while David reaches desperation point and gets in touch with Zsa Zsa to help in the quest to find Dylan – but events quickly spiral out of control.

9.25 Killing Eve. Having survived a terrifying close call with Villanelle, Eve now has the mole ensconced in a safe house and hopes to crack the case open. Spy thriller, starring Sandra Oh.

10.10 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 This Country. A one-off special investigating the fallout from the criminal activity of Kerry Mucklowe, who became embroiled in a criminal enterprise with her devious father Martin.

11.15 Live at the Apollo. Jason Manford hosts an evening of stand-up at the Apollo in Hammersmith, London, introducing routines by Geordie comic Chris Ramsey and the multi-talented Doc Brown. (R)

11.45 The NFL Show. Mark Chapman is joined by former players Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell to present highlights of Thursday night's game – New York Giants v Philadelphia Eagles at MetLife Stadium.

12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.30 Top Class. (R) **7.00** Marrying Mum and Dad. (R) **7.30** All Over the Place: Europe. (R) **8.00** The Dengineers. (R) **8.30** Absolute Genius with Dick & Dom. (R) **9.00** Elephant Diaries. (R) **9.30** Elephant Diaries. (R) **10.00** Talk to the Animals. (R) **11.00** Echo: An Unforgettable Elephant: Natural World. (R) **12.00** The Incredible Spice Men. (R) **12.30** Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul. **1.30** Coast. **1.50 Film:** The Winslow Boy. (1999) **3.30** Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. (R) **4.30** Trust Me, I'm a Doctor. (R) **5.00** Monkman & Seagull's Genius Guide to Britain. (R) **5.30** Dad's Army. (R)

6.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. A journey around the region, examining the challenges currently facing the nations in the area. In the first episode, Simon visits Malta, southern Italy and Albania. (R)

7.00 Murray Walker: A Life in the Fast Lane. A profile of the motor-racing commentator whose voice became one of the most recognisable on British television, and who continues to contribute to the BBC's Formula One coverage.

8.00 A House Through Time. David Olusoga focuses on the 1850s to the 1890s, revealing how a widow changed the Liverpool dwelling into a boarding house, and uncovering stories of infidelity and murder. (R)

9.00 Black Hollywood: "They've Gotta Have Us". Film veterans Harry Belafonte, Earl Cameron and Diahann Carroll discuss what it was like to be a pioneer in a white movie world.

10.00 QI XL. Sandi Toksvig asks questions relating to animals that start with a P. Alan Davies is joined by comedian Phill Jupitus, broadcaster Danny Baker and actress Teri Hatcher.

10.45 Snowfall. With Franklin and Leon nowhere to be seen Jerome is getting worried. Locked in a basement across town, Franklin has to think fast to stay alive.

11.30 Later Weekend with Jools Holland. Neneh Cherry performs songs from her fifth solo album Broken Politics. Also appearing are the Lemon Twigs, Echo & the Bunnymen, Sam Fender, Toots Hibbert and Ashley McBryde.

12.35 Film: Department Q: A Conspiracy of Faith. (2016) **2.20** Trust. (R) **3.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: The Powerpuff Girls. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: ToonMarty. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** James Martin's Saturday Morning. **11.40** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **12.10** The X Factor. (R) **1.15** ITV News; Weather. **1.30** ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket. Coverage from Newmarket and York. **4.15** The Chase: Celebrity Special. (R) **5.15** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.40 Film:** Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. (2009) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

8.35 The X Factor. The remaining 24 acts travel to glamorous destinations across the world and have just one more chance to impress their mentors as the live shows draw tantalisingly closer. Each of the regular judges will be joined by a guest who knows all about what it takes to make it in the industry, to help them decide which of the contestants make the cut.

9.50 The Jonathan Ross Show. Jonathan is joined by Strictly Come Dancing judges Shirley Ballas, Darcey Bussell and Craig Revel Horwood, along with comedian Joe Lycett, former England footballer Peter Crouch and star of Black Earth Rising Michaela Coel. Plus, award-winning singer Tom Odell performs in the studio.

10.55 ITV News; Weather.

11.10 Film: The Expendables. (2010) A mercenary team is double-crossed while on a mission to kill a South American dictator. Action thriller, directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. With Jason Statham.

1.00 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.00** Long Lost Family. The stories of a 66-year-old woman who gave up her baby as a teenager and a 53-year-old searching for her birth mother. Davina McCall and Nicky Campbell present. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup. **6.40** Motor Sport: Caterham. **7.05** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **7.30** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R) **8.00** Frasier. (R) **8.35** Frasier. (R) **9.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** Heineken Champions Cup Rugby: The Big Tackle. **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Live Heineken Champions Cup Rugby. Bath v Toulouse (Kick-off 1.00pm). **3.10** Car SOS. (R) **4.05** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** The People's Vet. **5.35** Escape to the Chateau: DIY. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Britain at Low Tide. In Fife, Tori Herridge explores a wreck close to the scene of one of Britain's worst railway disasters, and assesses the role it played in the rescue operation. A series of holes in rocks on the foreshore lead Tori and the archaeologists to the story of an industry that once dominated the local shoreline, and depended wholly on the power of the sea. She also examines stone carvings left in caves by one of Scotland's oldest tribes. Last in the series. (R)

8.00 Britain's Most Historic Towns. Alice Roberts explores the Norman period of British history by examining events that occurred in Winchester, a historic town that still retains many hallmarks of the 11th and 12th centuries. To get a taste of this era, she attempts to storm a castle wearing chain mail, investigates the origins of modern surgery, and tries some eel pie. At the conclusion of the episode, cutting edge CGI is used to take the town back in time, and recreate how it would have looked during this period of British history. (R)

9.00 Film: Red 2. (2013) Former CIA agent Frank Moses reunites his squad of retired operatives for a vital mission. A devastatingly powerful new weapon has been stolen, and it falls to Frank's team to retrieve it – which means facing lethal assassins, terrorists and corrupt government officials out to steal the device. Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis, Helen Mirren and John Malkovich.

11.15 Film: Die Hard. (1988) Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Alan Rickman.

1.45 Experimental. (R) **2.40** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** Vet on the Hill. **5.45** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.35** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 4. (R) **12.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.05 Film:** The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen. **3.05** Access. **3.10 Film:** The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Concluded. **4.10** Rich House, Poor House. (R) **5.05** Bad Tenants, Rogue Landlords. (R)

6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner evict a couple who owe five months' rent on a flat in an affluent London suburb. (R)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Paul Bohill and Steve Pinner face some tough decisions when they are given the task of repossessing a house in which a woman is living with two young children. (R)

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 The Theatre of Death: Eight Days That Made Rome. Bettany Hughes explores the day in 80AD when the Colosseum opened its gates for the first time. For new emperor Titus, the spectacular games and events were an opportunity to win over the people and secure his place on the imperial throne, but why did the Romans – cultured and civilised in so many ways – enjoy witnessing such brutality and bloodletting? Bettany travels across the Roman world in a bid to find answers. Dramatisations featuring Sam Barriscale, Oliver Monaghan and Paul Lacoux bring the key moments to life. (R)

9.00 Secrets of the Gladiators: Rome Unwrapped. Documentary exploring the surviving ruins of ancient Rome, beginning with a look at the Colosseum, featuring surviving accounts from the day the stadium opened.

10.00 Live Boxing: The Heavyweights. Lee McGregor v Thomas Essomba. Coverage of the bout for the vacant Commonwealth Bantamweight title at York Hall in Bethnal Green, London.

11.45 Criminals: Caught on Camera. Nick Wallis joins police forces across the country to reveal how CCTV and technological advances are helping to ensure convictions against shoplifters. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) **4.00** The Nightmare Neighbour Abroad. (R)

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BBC Four
7.00 Monkey Planet **8.00** Life Story **9.00 Film:** Goldstone (2016) **10.45** Inside No 9 **11.45** Classic Albums **1.45** Monkey Planet **2.45** Life Story **3.45** Close

ITV2
12.00 Catchphrase **12.40** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.45** The X Factor **2.50 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55 Film:** Happy Feet (2006) **4.55 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **5.55** FYI Daily **6.00 Film:** Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) **7.00 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **8.00** FYI Daily **8.05 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **10.35** Celebrity Juice **11.20** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.40** Don't Hate the Playaz **2.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
2.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.00** Lewis **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Endeavour **11.00** Inspector Morse **1.15** On the Buses **2.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.20 Cash Cowboys **1.20** Pawn Stars **3.05 Film:** Bend of the River (1952) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Bend of the River (1952) **5.10 Film:** Lawman (1971) **6.10** FYI Daily **6.15 Film:** Lawman (1971) **7.15 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20 Film:** Police Academy 4: Citizens on Patrol (1987) **9.00 Film:** Ransom (1996) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Ransom (1996) **11.25 Film:** Death Wish 2 (1981) **12.25** FYI Daily **12.30 Film:** Death Wish 2 (1981) **1.15** The Protectors **1.50** The Americans **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

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12.15 Extreme Cake Makers **12.30** The Great British Bake Off **1.50 Film:** Ice Age: Continental Drift (2012) **3.30** Young Sheldon **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** The Purge: Anarchy (2014) **11.00** Gogglebox **1.15** Tattoo Fixers **2.20** Rude Tube **3.40** Celebs Go Dating: The Finale **4.30** Don't Tell the Bride **5.25** Rude(ish) Tube

Film4
11.00 Hotel for Dogs (2009) **1.05** Epic (2013) **3.10** The Three Stooges (2012) **5.00** Carry On Teacher (1959) **6.45** Cowboys & Aliens (2011) **9.00** Thor (2011) **11.15** The World's End (2013) **1.25** Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (2011) **3.20** Close

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Anna Friel

Butterfly (ITV, 9pm)
New drama series about separated couple Vicky and Stephen, who are reunited when their 11-year-old son Max identifies as a girl. Despite being in a new relationship, Stephen still has unresolved feelings for his ex, and moves back into the family home in the hope of forming a closer bond with his children. While Max's sister encourages him to embrace his female identity, Vicky fears the consequences and a furious Stephen is driven to a terrible revelation. Starring Anna Friel, Emmett J Scanlan, Amy Huberman, Lorraine Burroughs, Lola Ogunyemi and Leah Hackett.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **11.00** Regional Programme. **11.30** Sunday Morning Live. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45** Points of View. **3.00** Songs of Praise. **3.35** Lifeline. **3.45** Eat Well for Less? (R) **4.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.30** BBC News. **5.45** Regional Programme. **5.55** Countryfile.

6.55 Doctor Who. The Doctor and her new friends have a mystery to solve when they become trapped in a hostile alien world.

7.45 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show before another couple leaves the competition. The Backstreet Boys perform a medley of their greatest hits.

8.30 Still Open All Hours. Leroy gets involved in a love triangle when Beth turns up for their date with a friend, while Granville uses a man who claims to have been abducted by aliens to boost sales.

9.00 The Cry. The police investigation begins to focus on Joanna and Alistair, as Peter gets a warrant to search their house and belongings. The couple look back over the day they first arrived in Australia in a desperate effort to work out what happened to their missing child, and agree to a television interview in the hope of sharing their side of the story with the world. However, as Joanna's behaviour grows increasingly unstable, a rattled Alistair goes to the police station, determined to find out what they know.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 New Tricks. Part one of two. Gerry is spooked when the team is called in after the discovery of the body of a policeman that has lain untouched under a basement for 30 years. (R)

11.30 The Women's Football Show. Eilidh Barbour presents the pick of the action from the Women's Super League, including reigning champions Chelsea's clash with Arsenal. Plus, Manchester City v West Ham United.

12.05 The Apprentice. (R) **1.05** The Apprentice: You're Fired. (R) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Food & Drink. **12.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **1.00 Film:** Pal Joey. (1957) Musical comedy, starring Frank Sinatra. **2.45** Flog It! **3.30** Meet the Moose Family: Natural World. (R) **4.30** Rugby League: Super League Grand Final Highlights. **5.30** NFL Live. Oakland Raiders v Seattle Seahawks (Kick-off 6.00pm).

7.00 Sue Perkins and the Chimp Sanctuary. After a recent change in American law, decades of testing on chimpanzees has been brought to an end. In this programme, Sue Perkins meets Jill, Whitney, Paula-Jean, Tessa, Martha and Ariah as they settle in at US national sanctuary Chimp Haven after an 800-mile journey from a laboratory in New Mexico to rural Louisiana. Sue also meet a representative of the government agency responsible for federal chimpanzee testing to find out if they think the medical advances to human health have been worth it. (R)

8.00 Mediterranean with Simon Reeve. Simon explores Cyprus, Lebanon, Israel and Gaza, going on patrol with UN peacekeepers, discovering the roots of Christianity and crossing the world's most heavily fortified borders.

9.00 Last Chance Lawyer New York City. Howard represents a woman with no prior criminal record accused of murdering her husband. However, while he is positive that she is innocent, Marie is not so easily convinced.

9.45 Mock the Week. Dara O Briain and Hugh Dennis front a special edition of the topical comedy show featuring best bits and unseen material from the series. (R)

10.15 No Activity. Stokes and Hendy are separated and forced to work with other partners. Bruce seeks advice from Jimmy about how to rebuild his relationship with his nephew.

10.45 No Activity. Hendy and Stokes stake out the suspected kidnap location. Last in the series.

11.15 Film: Selma. (2014)

1.15 Billion Dollar Deals and How They Changed Your World. (R) **2.15** Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **3.15** Holby City. (R) **4.15** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Dino Dana. **6.10** Super 4. (R) **6.25** Super 4. (R) **6.35** Make It Pop. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.15** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: The Tom and Jerry Show. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Ben 10. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: The Bagel and Becky Show. (R) **8.30** Scrambled!: The Haunted Hathaways. (R) **9.05** Scrambled!: Mighty Magiswords! (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Love Your Home and Garden. (R) **10.30** Midsomer Murders. (R) **12.30** Emmerdale 1918. (R) **1.00** ITV News. **1.15** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.45** The X Factor. (R) **3.00** Back to Mine. **3.30** The Big Audition. (R) **4.30** The Chase. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R)

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

7.00 The Chase Celebrity Special. New series. Bradley Walsh presents as Coronation Street stars Simon Gregson, Victoria Ekanoye, Lucy Fallon and Andrew Whyment pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

8.00 The X Factor. The second episode of the Judges' Houses phase, in which the contestants must impress their individual mentor and a special guest judge to win a place in the live shows.

9.00 Butterfly. New series. Drama about a separated couple who are reunited when their son identifies as a girl, but divided over what is best for their child's future.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Police in Danger: Caught on Camera. What happens when police officers charged with keeping the public safe come under attack, featuring footage filmed by body cameras worn by officers themselves. (R)

11.15 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Road Trip. Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix organise a ceremony in their home countries. (R)

12.15 Strangers. (R) **1.05** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Motor Sport: British Rally Championship. **6.35** Motor Sport: FIA World Rallycross Championship. **7.30** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.55** Jamie Cooks Italy. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30 Film:** Antz. (1998) Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen. **3.10** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **4.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.30** Grand Designs. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Phil Spencer's Stately Homes. The property expert visits Belvoir Castle in Leicestershire, searching for a lost railway under the building and trying his hand at modern-day pest control with a medieval twist. He also discovers an aristocratic sex scandal painted on the ceiling and learns the astronomical cost of the original construction work. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Naviglio Grande Canal in Italy, which runs from Lake Maggiore to Milan and is Europe's oldest working canal, providing passage for marble-carrying barges for over 500 years. Along the way, they stop at the Swiss lakeside town of Locarno, the gardens of Isola Bella, and Milan's most famous cathedral, as well as learning a traditional Italian barging song.

9.00 Film: Now You See Me 2. (2016) Premiere. A gang of magicians-turned-criminals is reunited by a ruthless technology magnate, who forces the team to carry out a seemingly impossible heist on his behalf. The illusionists realise their only hope of avoiding the law is to expose the businessman's illegal activities. Crime thriller sequel, starring Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Daniel Radcliffe and Morgan Freeman.

11.35 Film: The Fault in Our Stars. (2014) Two American teenagers bond at a cancer support group and go on a literary pilgrimage to Amsterdam. Romantic drama, starring Shailene Woodley and Ansel Elgort.

1.45 George Clarke's Amazing Builds by the Sea. (R) **2.40** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. (R) **3.35** Grand Designs New Zealand. (R) **4.30** Vet on the Hill. (R) **5.25** Buy It Now. (R) **5.50** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **6.30** Luo Bao Bei. (R) **6.40** Digby Dragon. (R) **6.50** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.00** Thomas & Friends. (R) **7.15** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.25** Rusty Rivets. (R) **7.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.50** Peppa Pig. (R) **7.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.10** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.25** Nella the Princess Knight. **8.40** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.00** Pirata & Capitano. (R) **9.15** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **9.30** Floogals. (R) **9.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **10.00** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.20** Rise of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.35** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. (R) **11.05** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.00** Friends. (R) **12.30** Friends. (R) **1.00** Friends. (R) **1.30** Friends. (R) **2.00** Friends. (R) **2.30** Friends. (R) **3.00** Friends. (R) **3.25** Friends. (R) **3.55** Friends. (R) **4.25** Friends. (R) **4.55 Film:** Jack the Giant Slayer. (2013) **5.55** 5 News Update.

6.00 Film: Jack the Giant Slayer. (2013) Concluded.

7.00 World's Most Vicious Beasts. Part one of two. The 10 deadliest animals from prehistoric times, including sabre-toothed cats, giant venomous lizards, huge birds, and the infamous Tyrannosaurus Rex.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Ice Road Truckers. New series. The return of the documentary following drivers hauling supplies over frozen terrain, with companies dealing with predictions of one of the shortest winters on record.

9.00 Ancient Mysteries: Viking Burial Secrets Revealed. New series. Documentary looking into the discovery of a Viking tomb in the small Danish town of Fregerslev in November 2012, one of the largest ever found in Denmark.

10.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat.

11.30 Michael Jackson: Man in the Mirror. Profile of the singer, following his development from child star with the Jackson 5 to becoming an iconic performer in his own right as an adult. (R)

1.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Paddington Station 24/7. (R) **4.00** Inside Britain's Biggest Mosque. (R) **4.45** Wildlife SOS. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R) **5.35** Divine Designs. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Engineering Giants: Ferry Strip-Down **8.00** James May's Cars of the People **9.00** Cold War, Hot Jets **10.00** The Sky at Night **10.30** Feud: Bette and Joan **12.00** The Art of France **1.00** Duets at the BBC **2.00** Robert Rauschenberg: Pop Art Pioneer **3.00** James May's Cars of the People **4.00** Close

ITV2
12.15 The X Factor **1.30** Catchphrase **2.10 Film:** Around the World in 80 Days (2004) **3.10** FYI Daily **3.15 Film:** Around the World in 80 Days (2004) **4.30 Film:** Happy Feet Two (2011) **5.30** FYI Daily **5.35 Film:** Happy Feet Two (2011) **6.25 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) **10.00** Family Guy **11.25** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **12.50** The Weekender: Boat Party **1.50** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
1.25 Agatha Christie's Poirot **3.20 Film:** Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972) **4.55** Foyle's War **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Wire in the Blood **1.05** Long Lost Family **2.00** Murder, She Wrote **3.45** Road to Avonlea **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4
12.40 Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **1.40** FYI Daily **1.45 Film:** Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **2.55 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **6.05** Made in Britain **7.10 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00 Film:** Safe House (2012) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Safe House (2012) **11.20 Film:** Unknown (2011) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25 Film:** Unknown (2011) **1.40** Minder **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
12.50 The Big Bang Theory **4.40 Film:** Rio 2 (2014) **6.40 Film:** Captain America: The First Avenger (2011) **9.00** Celebs Go Dating **10.00** Club Rep Wars **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** First Dates **1.10** Celebs Go Dating **2.15** Club Rep Wars **3.10** Rude Tube **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4
11.00 Flight of the Navigator (1986) **12.50** Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) **2.55** A Monster in Paris (2011) **4.40** Mrs Doubtfire (1993) **7.00** Turner & Hooch (1989) **9.00** The Family (2013) **11.15** True Lies (1994) **2.00** Hitchcock/Truffaut (2015) **3.45** Close

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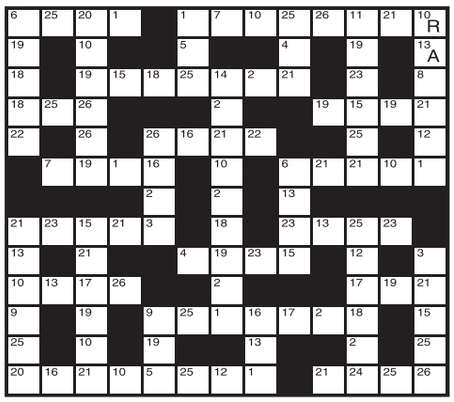

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

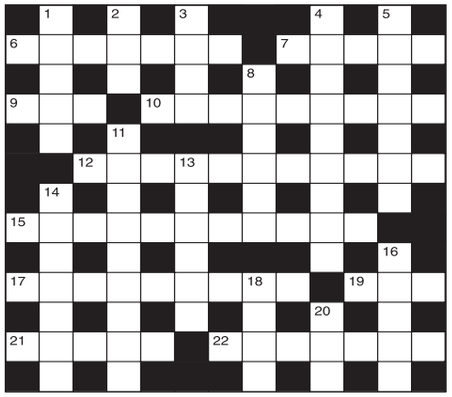
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. A cheese list misplaced and not brought back (7)
7. One not born to work (5)
9. It's evacuated during the shelling (6)
10. A brave man (3,6)
12. Handy aid in solving crime (11)
15. Proceeded to argue like Siamese Twins? (6,5)
17. Not up to date with the accounts (2,7)
19. Spelling this can be fun (3)
21. Used by those dying to have attractive hair (5)
22. Grave words for those who are late (7)

Down

1. A bench to put in the sun (5)
2. Old prophet among the Israelites (3)
3. New mode of ecclesiastical architecture? (4)
4. Flew round in a miraculous way (9)
5. Word of praise (7)
8. Type of briefs used in the textile industry (6)
11. A foreign girl who drops in after marriage! (9)
13. Incorrectly tagged labour-saving device (6)
14. It may lead to a quick duck for any batsman (7)
16. Time of strain? (5)
18. Ready to drop (4)
20. Enclosure in the post you open (6)



Quick Clues:

Across

6. Generous (7)
7. Flinch (5)
9. Intimidate (3)
10. Litter (9)
12. Formal utterance (11)
15. Narrator (11)
17. Food (9)
19. Arid (3)
21. Demise (5)
22. Slander (7)

Down

1. Guide (5)
2. Wager (3)
3. Huge (4)
4. Buyer (9)
5. Leave (7)
8. Disclose (6)
11. Corruption (9)
13. Eager (6)
14. Begun (7)
16. 144 (5)
18. Otherwise (4)
20. Damp (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC – Across: 7 Direct descent; 8 Disorder; 9 Laps; 10 Stater; 12 Insure; 14 Prison; 16 Stuffy; 18 Taxi; 20 Misprint; 22 Light industry. Down: 1 Minister; 2 Report; 3 Stud; 4 Dear sirs; 5 Scales; 6 Snap; 11 Ring main; 13 Refinery; 15 Slight; 17 Unrest; 19 Axis; 21 Side.
QUICK – Across: 7 Discreditable; 8 Sediment; 9 Type; 10 Divert; 12 Sledge; 14 Better; 16 Edible; 18 Room; 20 Strength; 22 Accommodating. Down: 1 Lifeline; 2 Scribe; 3 Dene; 4 Distaste; 5 Mantle; 6 Slap; 11 Tiresome; 13 Gelatine; 15 Tomboy; 17 Ignite; 19 Once; 21 Rude.

Quiz

1. What nationality was the composer Heitor Villa-Lobos?
2. The Khyber Pass connects Pakistan and which other country?
3. Which court was abolished by the Long Parliament in 1641?
4. Which Carry On star was born James Smith?
5. What parts of speech are 'they' and 'them'?
6. What do we call Pongo pygmaeus?
7. Which former sex symbol described Jill Phipps as the "Joan of Arc of veal"?
8. Of what is the bar a unit?
9. Which Roman slave is associated with a lion?
10. What is the name of the channel separating Tasmania from Australia?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 W H Auden; 2 Octopus; 3 Numbers; 4 Leopard; 5 White River; 6 Bolivia; 7 Corona; 8 County Kerry; 9 A grass; 10 Patricia Highsmith.

Niner: CORPULENT

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1876792 gives courage,
674238 gives more courage,
9354 gives a battle.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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Combo Life is a real combination car

By Ian Donaldson

The motoring world might have declared diesel the work of the devil but Vauxhall still has faith in the fuel, and for an intriguing reason.

Not because a good modern diesel can't be clean enough in the emissions stakes to satisfy the most stringent of naysayers – it can – but because of where the latest Vauxhall will go when it's three years old.

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So, a Motability user enjoys a Combo Life for three years and the time comes for it to be replaced. Who might fancy a nicely cared for car with space galore for passengers and their luggage – at sensible money?

Yes, you've guessed; the owner of a small taxi company. The sort you see parked outside the station waiting for the London train to arrive in the evening.

All of which means the Combo Life is, frankly, not up there with the likes of an Audi estate, or even one with a Ford badge, in the desirability stakes. But that's not why you're going to put a Combo Life on the shortlist.

There have been enough rational car choosers dotted around Europe to keep Citroen and Peugeot busily turning out 'vans with windows' for decades. Now that Vauxhall is owned by the same PSA Group that

There are sliding rear doors

controls both those French marques you can see why the Combo Life has appeared on the sensible motoring scene.

It shares rather a lot with, for instance, the new Peugeot Rifter and Citroen Berlingo Multispace, with just enough built-in differences to make it viable as a stand alone car, from the way it looks inside and out to differences in equipment and trim.

Available in two trim levels, Design and Energy, the Combo Life has the option of 1.2 litre petrol engine with 100hp or a couple of 1.5 litre diesels with 100 and 130hp and you can have the latter with an automatic gearbox.

The petrol Combo Life claims official economy of 51.4mpg and 125g/km of CO2 emissions against the 111/113 g/km and 67.3/65.7mpg of the two diesels.

The shorter version of the Combo Life measures 4.4m and there's a longer 4.75m version with sliding rear doors on both of them. The five-seat standard length Combo Life has 597 litres of luggage space with the rear seats in place; choose the longer model

This is a car that will comfortably swallow the family and their luggage, with space to spare

and there's 850 litres of space with the second row of seats in place or a genuinely van-like 2,693 litres with them folded flat.

Need more space still? Find it in the 28 storage cubbies dotted around the interior. An interior, you will soon discover that provides properly car like levels of equipment but with a feel more practical plastic than plush.

Long gone are the days when this sort of practicality meant van-like levels of fixtures and fittings. Choose the right version of Combo Life and you can have a heated steering wheel, rear view camera, driver drowsiness alert, head-up display and IntelliGrip which helps the front wheels keep the car moving on ultra slippery surfaces.

Prices range from £19,160 for the entry level Design 1.2 litre petrol model to £22,660 for the Energy seven-seater with 130hp diesel engine and complete with cruise control, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto and air conditioning.

Fire up the stronger of the two diesels and you discover a car that knows its role in life is to provide a comfortable and economical way of moving driver and passengers about without pretending there's a hidden sports car under that practical bodywork. Which translates into a comfortable ride and decent performance, with 115mph and 10.6 seconds to 62mph for those Lewis Hamilton moments.

A varied test route of town and country roads showed 56.4mpg on the trip computer, which will do nicely, thank you. And all done in a car that will comfortably swallow the family and their luggage, with space to spare.

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The First Edition Peugeot 508 SW

Stylish First Edition for 508 SW range

Peugeot has chosen its home turf, the Paris Motor Show, to reveal the 508 SW First Edition. This introductory model kicks off sales of the new estate car across Europe.

The First Edition is based on the range-topping GT trim, but adds unique styling touches and interior equipment.

Available in two colours – Twilight Blue and Amazonite Grey – the First Edition also adds several exterior styling upgrades, including a gloss black grille surround and 19-inch diamond-cut alloy wheels with a two-tone finish.

The interior has black headlining, blue mood lighting, aluminium detailing on the pedals and door sills plus a Zebrano wood finish for the boot floor, reminiscent of that in the Mercedes CLS Shooting Brake.

There's carbon effect trim for the dashboard and soft Nappa leather upholstery, available in either black or red.

As befits a range-topping trim, the 508 SW First Edition is available exclusively with the two most powerful engines from the range. One petrol and one diesel engine are offered, with power outputs of 222bhp and 178bhp respectively.

Elsewhere, there's all the tech you'll find on the GT model, including several innovations not seen on a Peugeot model before. In addition to the 10-inch infotainment display, there's inductive smartphone charging, a high-end FOCAL sound system and night vision tech.

Peugeot has not announced pricing for the 508 SW First Edition, but expect a modest increase over the £37,014 starting price for the equivalent hatchback model.

Potent new Audi SQ2 is launched in Paris

Hot, hot, hot – the new S model

Audi revealed its latest high-performance 'S' model at the Paris Motor Show – the SQ2 compact SUV.

Based on the stylish Q2, the SQ2 packs a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder turbocharged petrol engine under its bonnet. Shared with the Volkswagen Golf R, the engine produces an impressive 296bhp and 400Nm of torque – capable of pushing the little SQ2 from 0-60mph in just 4.6 seconds and on to an electronically limited top speed of 155mph. It's mated to a seven-speed S tronic double-clutch gearbox and quattro all-wheel drive.

The SQ2's tweaks are not just limited to the engine, though. It also benefits from upgrades brakes on all four corners. Suspension has been lowered by 20mm and there's new torque vectoring, capable of straightening the car's handling by braking individual wheels.

There are some visual tweaks too besides the lowered suspension. Though the overall effect is very similar to the existing Q2 S Line, there's a new eight-bar grille and sportier front and rear splitters.

A range of 18- and 19-inch alloy wheels feature alongside 10 choices of exterior paint finish, and all cars gain LED lights front and rear.

Inside, it's the usual sporty touches of standard-fit sports seats, black and brushed aluminium trim and metal pedals and door sills. Audi's excellent Virtual Cockpit doesn't come as standard, though, with the 12.3-inch digital dial pack relegated to the optional Technology Pack.

Audi has not yet revealed pricing, but expect basic SQ2s to start from around £35,000.

Lexus announces prices and model range for new UX SUV

By Sharon Walters

Lexus has announced pricing and the model range for its new UX 250h compact SUV crossover in the UK.

The all-new model will be launched in March next year in a line-up that adopts Lexus's new, focused, three-grade structure. The choice will comprise UX, F Sport and Takumi models, with a complementary range of option packs designed to give customers the freedom to enhance their vehicle's technology, audio, performance, safety and luxury specifications.

On-the-road prices will start at £29,900 for the UX, with the F Sport at £33,900 and the top-of-the-range Takumi at £39,100.

Both front and all-wheel drive versions of the UX 250h will be available, the latter equipped with Lexus's compact, lightweight and fuel-efficient E-Four system which provides electric motor drive to the rear axle, automatically providing extra grip in slippery conditions. All-wheel drive will be an option on the Takumi and on UX and F Sport models in combination with the Premium Plus or Takumi Pack.

Striking

The introduction of the UX 250h marks Lexus's entry into the growing premium compact SUV crossover segment with a car that is rich in striking design, advanced technology features and luxurious quality. As the first model to be built on the Lexus Global Architecture – C platform, it also delivers strong dynamic performance and driver rewards, with a low centre of gravity, highly rigid body and suspension tuned for the ideal balance of responsiveness, stability and ride comfort.

In the UK the new UX 250h will be offered exclusively with a self-charging 2.0-litre hybrid powertrain. The fourth generation of Lexus's premium market-leading hybrid technology features a new, high-efficiency four-cylinder petrol engine that has been specifically engineered for the UX to secure excellent fuel economy, low emissions and a characteristically smooth, quiet and refined drive, coupled with the dynamic performance rewards of the new GA-C platform.

The UX grade will feature the second generation Lexus Safety System+, a new Lexus Navigation system, dual-zone air conditioning and 17-inch alloys.

Key features for the F Sport include F Sport interior and exterior styling features, including F Sport 18-inch alloy wheels and front spindle grille, plus F Sport front seats with fabric and Tahara upholstery, pedals and steering wheel in the cabin. The specification also includes rear privacy glass, heated, power-adjustable front seats and a heated steering wheel.

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The Takumi, named in celebration of Lexus's skilled takumi craftsmen, offers smooth leather upholstery, integrated front seat ventilation, a bespoke Mark Levinson 13-speaker Premium Surround Sound system, 10-inch multimedia display, 360-degree camera, driver's head-up display, sunroof, Blind Spot Monitor and Rear Cross Traffic Alert with braking function.

At launch, five option packs will be available. The Premium Pack (UX and F Sport) provides 18-inch alloy wheels, front and rear parking sensors, rear privacy glass, integrated heating in the front seats and steering wheel and an auto-dimming rear-view mirror.

Taking luxury specification to an even higher level, the Premium Plus Pack (UX and F Sport) adds smooth leather upholstery, cabin trim finish inspired by the textured grain of traditional Japanese washi paper screens, smart entry, power tailgate and illuminated entry system. When selected for the F Sport, the pack further provides a 10-inch multimedia display and power-adjustable steering wheel.

The Tech & Safety Pack (UX and F Sport) equips the car with a Blind Spot Monitor, Rear Cross Traffic with Auto Brake, triple-eye LED headlights with Advanced Headlamp System, a driver's head-up display and a wireless charging tray for smartphones. When applied to the F Sport model, it further provides Lexus' latest generation Adaptive Variable Suspension system, which debuted on the LC flagship coupe. This provides automatic, independent, damping force at each wheel in response to driver inputs and road conditions, adjusting through 650 predefined levels for seamless performance.

The UX model is available with a Tech & Sound Pack that equips the vehicle with the Mark Levinson audio system, head-up display, wireless charger and power-adjustable front seats and steering wheel.

For the F Sport, the Takumi Pack upgrade includes all the content of the Premium Plus and Tech & Safety Packs, together with front seat ventilation, the Mark Levinson audio system, a sunroof and 360-degree camera.

Find best instructor with new app

Youmi, the new app designed to revolutionise the way learner drivers find instructors, has been launched in Wolverhampton by local 25-year-old technology enthusiast Banwo Idowu, based in the West Midlands.

In the UK two out of every five learner drivers experience a minimum of two driving instructors before finding an instructor they are compatible with, which costs UK learners approximately £33m for ineffective lessons that slow down their learning experience. The issue is caused by the inability for learners to effectively scan the instructor marketplace and find the best instructor for their needs.

Youmi has been built with the ambition of correcting the marketplace problem by giving learners the ability to access and compare hundreds of local driving instructors and select them based on star-ratings left by other learners - a feature that has never been available before.

The new service is free for learners to access and use, and instructors pay £9.99 per month to be featured, and keep everything they earn, with no commissions or high charges that traditional driving schools demand. Youmi creates an efficient and modern way to plug driving instructors directly into their target market, and gives learners a quick and easy way to choose a driving instructor.

Banwo Idowu, Founder and CEO of Youmi shares his start-up story: "Just like thousands of other 17-year olds, I was raring to get behind the wheel of the car from the day I turned 17, but the excitement was quickly replaced by frustration. I went through lots of incompatible driving instructors, and I felt like I was going nowhere fast. It was during this time that I came up with the idea of Youmi – somewhere learner drivers can read reviews and easily compare local instructors in one place – but mainly a place where they have the ability to decide who teaches them to drive."

Mike Spooner, head of Approved Driving Instructor (ADI) Engagement at Youmi comments on the industry issues: "The biggest problem that driving instructors face – even the best ones – is generating awareness amongst prospective learner drivers. Most good instructors rely on word of mouth, but it's not a guaranteed source of new learners all year round so we are always looking for ways to raise awareness.

"By introducing a star-rating to the industry for the first time, Youmi will enable the best driving instructors to benefit from increased awareness, and should encourage more instructors to deliver a better experience every time, as they are only as good as their last review. The app is a real game changer, and one that all instructors are going to benefit from using."

Banwo Idowu developed the app after his own experiences

To help ease the financial burden on young people, Youmi features a refer-a-friend scheme whereby learners share their Youmi code with other learners to earn points and get discounts off their lessons. Youmi is available to download now via the App Store and Google Play for learners. Approved Driving Instructors should register at www.youmidrive.co.uk

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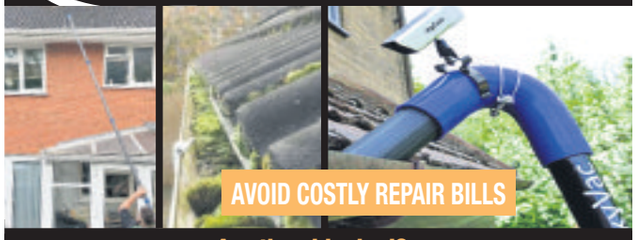

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Netball bounces back as a popular game

WHEN the England netball team scooped gold at the Commonwealth Games beating host nation and favourites Australia earlier this year it was an historic turning point for the sport.

It was a clear sign of a resurgence in the game which is attracting more and more players back to courts across the country every year.

Close to home we have our own netball star. Cannock-born England netballer Beth Cobden is a Commonwealth gold medallist. And now the 25-year-old wing defence has moved to Australia signing for Adelaide Thunderbirds having spent the last three seasons with Loughborough Lightning.

It's estimated that 1.4 million women and girls are playing during a typical week within the netball season – a 44 per cent increase on 2016. Last year it became the second-highest funded sport in the UK, behind cycling, after it was awarded £16.9 million by Sport England for four years with an extra £3m earmarked for the national team.

Underdog

England Netball's successful Back to Netball scheme, which provides women of all ages with a gentle re-introduction to the sport has proved a huge hit with more than 60,000 participants since it started since 2010.

And to encourage older women back into the sport, walking netball, which is an adaptation of the original game in which players cannot run or jump, has been launched in recent years.

For some people just the mere mention of the word netball will likely bring back memories of shivering on a school playground while you skulked on the wings, hoping to be substituted back onto the bench so you could gossip with your mates.

But you might want to rethink everything you thought you knew about the sport – because netball is actually the secret underdog of fitness, with tonnes of mental and physical benefits. There are many reasons why it might be time to give your short-lived career in goal attack another shot.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Heather Large

The benefit netball has over, say, hitting the treadmill for an hour a week, is that it's a team sport – which means you're much more likely to stick to your exercise plan when other people are relying on you

Firstly it's an excellent cardio workout because of all that squatting, jumping and pivoting harder than Ross from Friends in the infamous sofa episode.

All netball positions require players to sprint around the 30-metre court to attack or defend, execute set plays, take throw-ins and generally keep the ball moving from end to end.

A good game will involve gut-whittling bursts of sprinting, core strengthening twists and turns, smarting the opponent with high-intensity decoy runs and furious chest-to-chest passing.

As well as being great for full-body toning, it's an explosive cardiovascular workout for your heart.

It's also good for hand-eye co-ordination because once you're in possession of the ball, you're glued to the ground until you can pass it on to someone else.

There are a few creative passes that each player can utilise to bamboozle the other team: a high pass shoots it over the opposing team's heads, a chest pass throws it directly while a bounce pass allows a single bounce on the ground.

Games involve plenty of throwing and catching in quick succession, so players must have slick ball skills and flawless co-ordination to get the ball to an area where their team can shoot and score.

But the unique benefit netball has over, say, hitting the treadmill for an hour a week, is that it's a team sport – which means you're much more likely to stick to your exercise plan when other people are relying on you to show up and play.

As well as the increased motivation to get moving, netball has a friendly competition element that makes an hour of game play fly by so much faster than a solo session at the gym.

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Basics

Finally, unlike basketball or rugby, netball is a non-contact sport, which means you won't get bulldozed to the ground when the ball gets thrown your way.

If you're worried about injury, netball is a great way to get fit, lose weight and be social without the fear of scrapes, bruises and broken bones.

So if that's tempted you then the best place to start is the England Netball website – englandnetball.co.uk – where you will find details on its Back to Netball scheme, which runs sessions across the country, including in the Black Country, Staffordshire and Shropshire.

These cover the basics of the game including passing, footwork and shooting.

Sessions typically finish with a friendly game to put the skills you've learnt into practice.

But if all else fails, there's nothing to stop you from renting a court and starting up your own casual seven-a-side game.

Tickets on sale as Brum hosts SPOTY

TICKETS go on sale tomorrow (Friday) for the Sports Personality of the Year, being held at the Genting Arena, Birmingham. Now in its 65th year, a host of changes have been made to the 2018 awards.

For the first time, the nominated contenders will be announced on the night of the show and with fewer names in the running.

The Greatest Sporting Moment of the Year is new, with the public choosing from a shortlist drawn up by an independent panel of the standout moments of the past 12 months. An award to honour a Young Sports Personality will be presented at the BBC Radio 1 Teen Awards on October 21.

Nominations are also open for the BBC Get Inspired Unsung Hero award to honour the most dynamic, forward thinking and driven volunteers from across the UK.See https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/get-inspired/27037119

Tickets go on sale at 9am, priced at £45 plus admin fee. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult, minimum age 10 years. Buy online at www.theticketfactory.com or by phone on 0844 33 88 222.

Cage Warriors makes return to second city

ADAM 'The Love Doctor' Proctor will meet Angelo Rubino this month as Cage Warriors returns to Birmingham for the first time in eight years.

The October 20 bill at the Genting Arena will boast a welterweight title fight between Stefano Paternò, defending his belt against Ross Houston and a four-man featherweight title tournament featuring Dean Trueman, Lewis Monarch, Aiden Lee and Paull McBain.

With nine wins and just one defeat since his pro debut in 2014, 'The Love Doctor' is carrying a four-fight winning streak into his clash against the Italian welterweight Angelo Rubino.

The CW98 light-heavyweight main event will be between Yannick Bahati and Alan Carlos. Bahati is a local name who has finished seven opponents by either knockout or submission, has called for the city's growing MMA fan base to get behind him. Carlos comes into the fight with superior experience and travels from Sweden looking to upset the home fans, having picked up big wins across Europe for over a decade since his debut in 2007.

Top darts players on Premier League oche

THE Unibet Premier League will return to Arena Birmingham next year as the sport's top stars continue their battle for the prestigious title.

The ten-player tournament features league nights across the UK, Ireland, Netherlands and Germany in 2019 during a four-month tour.

The success of previous visits to Arena Birmingham will see next year's tournament return to the Midlands on April 25 for the 13th night of the season.

Four matches on the night are set to see the likes of world number one Michael van Gerwen and current world champion Rob Cross doing battle on the oche. The full field of players will be confirmed in January, with the top four players on the PDC Order of Merit qualifying by right and joined by six invited players.

Tickets are on general sale via www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 33 88 222. They are priced at £27.00/£46.50/£53.00 (includes admin fees and £1.20 facility fee) + £2.55 fulfilment fee per order.

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Backs put DK in front at Hereford

Hereford 12 DK 17

THE back three of Sam Vaughan, Nick Adams, and Tommy Walker all countered any attempt to kick long by Hereford.

From a scrummage the DK no8 Pete Griffiths picked up and drove close to the line, some intricate play between the centres Messers, Hancox and Shillingford saw the looping fly half Connah Jones over in the corner, 5-0 to DK at half time.

For the opening period of the second half DK looked to be in control and extending their lead when a central scrummage to DK was worked to the right and Vaughan up from full back made an incisive break and scored in the corner and he was able to convert his own try.

But DK started to fall foul of the referee's whistle, a penalty in midfield led to a lineout which set up a drive and suddenly a forward broke away and was over, a missed conversion saw the score go to 12-5.

Two penalties in quick succession gave Hereford a lineout close to the DK line on the other side but the drive was good enough to make the line and the try and conversion made it 12-12.

The balance swung back in favour of DK, when a clearance was fielded by Vaughan just inside the DK half. He was able to return the ball into the Hereford half and DK forwards were on hand to resource the ball in the tightest of spaces. Adams was able to break the line and sprint to the line for a fine try, which concluded the scoring 17-12 to DK.

Roberts twice on target for Yeltz in week's third win

Halesowen Town 2 Rushall Olympic 0

TWO second-half goals from Halesowen's leading striker James Roberts left Rushall without a win in nine games.

By contrast, improving Yeltz celebrated their third win of the week without conceding a goal.

On-loan Tobias Hayles-Docherty made a splendid 17th minute run only for Roberts to just fail to make a proper connection. But the Pics settled to create the better chances in the remainder of the first half. Tyler Lyttle found Richard Brodie in space in the penalty area after 21 minutes but fired into the side-netting. Liam Truslove's 29th minute shot fell just wide and he went even closer when he rattled the base of the pos,.

The Yeltz took the lead in the 54th minute when Hayles-Docherty squared the ball for Roberts to plant the it into the bottom corner. Home goalkeeper Cameron Gregory then made a good one-handed save to keep out Daniel Waldron in the 57th minute.

Roberts who was on the mark again to double Halesowen's lead in the 68th minute, latching onto Lee Hughes' cross.

Top quality tennis in club championships

Emily White and Jane Fox with umpire Colin Brown

DESPITE blustery conditions,Wollaston Lawn Tennis Club produced another day of top quality tennis in Sunday's finals day of its 2018 Annual Club Championships.

More than six hours of tennis saw nine adult finals and two junior finals contested at the Prestwood Drive club.

Adam Tranter won his second men's singles overcoming first time finalist Elliot Barnbrook in straight sets. The ladies' singles final was a repeat of last year's final but this time 17-year-old Emily White won a tight contest against last year's winner Jane Fox on a tie break decider.

The men's doubles was won by Colin Brown and Richard Such who, after losing the last two finals, were able to overcome Chris Brown and Will James in straight sets. The ladies doubles was won again by Hannah Didlock with partner Yvonne Tivey in straight sets against Katy Waterhouse and Bec Yates. The mixed final saw Adam Tranter and Katy Waterhouse beat Adam James and Hannah Didlock by the narrowest margin.

BACK ON THE GLORY TRAIL

STOURBRIDGE'S Amblecote ground has seen some dramatic FA Cup ties in recent years, but manager Gary Hackett rates the comeback to beat Kidderminster Harriers 3-2 as their biggest achievement.

This is the fourth successive season in which Glassboys have reached at least the fourth qualifying round.

But the manner in which his team came back from a two-goal deficit in front of 1,527 to beat a Harriers team that seemed to boss the game well into the second half, won special praise from Hackett.

"I honestly think this is a bigger achievement in the FA Cup than anything that has gone on before," he said.

Immense

"The character the team showed in coming back from 2-0 down against a very good team was immense."

Harriers, 26 places above Stour in the non-league pyramid, scored on 12 minutes when Ashley Chambers played into the path of Ed Williams, who made no mistake. On 52 minutes substitute Joe Ironside made it 2-0 from the spot after Aaron Hayden pulled back Chambers.

The introduction of Luke Benbow for Stourbridge on 57 minutes was crucial when five minutes later he crossed for Kaiman Anderson to score.

When Aaron Forde produced a 25-yard shot it was not held by visiting keeper Brandon Hall and Anderson followed up to score his second, and the home crowd were rocking, believing that yet another shock result could be on the cards. So it proved on 77 minutes when Ryan Johnson handled in the box and Forde coolly dispatched the penalty.

Now Stourbridge travel to either Cleethorpes Town or Guiseley, who were due to play on Tuesday, in the fourth qualifying round.

Strollers pride of Black Country

Dudley's Hartshill Strollers reached the final of Walking Football's equivalent to FA Cup

THE national trophy dreams of Dudley's Hartshill Strollers have come to an end.

They lost 0-1 to Clevedon in the WFA Over 65s National Cup 2018 – walking football's equivalent of the FA Cup.

The finals were held at Cirencester Arena, Gloucestershire, on September 30.

The super-veterans were hoping to match the achievements of the club's Over 60s team who won the trophy – at the same venue – in 2016.

In this year's competition, the Over 50s and Over 60s went out in earlier rounds.

Bob Haywood, Hartshill's Over 65s team manager, said: "It was a disappointing ending to a fantastic campaign."

The club plays at Summerhill School, Kingswinford.

Masters full performance by Reanne

DUDLEY'S Reanne Evans lifted her first silverware of the 2018/19 World Women's Snooker Tour season with a 4-1 victory against Nutcharut Wongharuthai last weekend.

The 11-time world champion and current world number two came into the tournament on the back of a surprise last 16 exit at last month's UK Women's Championship, but it was to be a different story at De Maxx club in Neerpelt as she dropped just one frame on her way to the masters title.

Following victories against Caty Dehaene and Ho Yee Ki, she avenged her defeat to Rebecca Kenna in Leeds with a dominant 4-0 victory against the world number three in the semi-finals.

For the second time in 2018 it was not long-time rival Ng On Yee who would await her in the final, but instead Thailand's Nutcharut Wongharuthai who once again underlined her credentials as a star of the future.

Following her progress through the group stages she stunned reigning world champion On Yee with a 3-1 success, before adding the scalps of Emma Parker and home favourite and 12-time EBSA European champion Wendy Jans with a 4-2 semi-final victory.

In a cagey final however it was to be Evans who proved too strong, winning the final three frames from 1-1 to add another ranking title to her already unrivalled CV. Victory also sees Evans significantly close the gap to Ng On Yee at the top of the world rankings.

Harriers in action at Sutton Park

AFTER Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers qualified for the National six stage relays back in September, the men headed back to Sutton Park once again to tackle the course as a team event.

They finished in 60th place with a total time of 02:01:02. Tom Isherwood (20:00), Ben Foster (20:06), Elliot Jones (20:39), Rob Meredith (20:07), Dave Nation (20:21) and Shaun Osborne (19:49)

On Sunday David Ratcliffe took part in the Sheepwalks Shocker and the tough 10k course saw him 14th. Darran Bishop and Mark Judge put in solid performances at the Chester marathon, Darran in 03:14:56 and Mark 03:27:42.

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